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THE  
HISTORY OF PERU

In the County of Oxford and State of Maine

FROM 1789 TO 1911



Residents and Genealogies  
of their Families ..... also  
a part of Franklin Plan.

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## PREFACE

"How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood,  
When fond recollection presents them to view;  
The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood,  
And every loved spot which my infancy knew.

"The wide spreading pond and the mill that stood by it,  
The bridge and the rock where the cataract fell;  
The cot of my father, the dairy-house nigh it,  
And e'en the rude bucket which hung in the well.  
The old oaken bucket, the iron-bound bucket,  
The moss-covered bucket which hung in the well."

These lines of Wadsworth, save the "Oaken Bucket," fittingly show the environment of writer when seven years old. Over three-score years and ten bring visions of a great multitude who have outrun him in life's pathway and laid down the armor. Writer is left to recount their stewardship. Who else would undertake the thankless task?

As we go down the annals of time, generations are soon lost in oblivion if no records perpetuate their memory. Their culture, attributes and achievements are forgotten and lost without a record. Our kindred, however dear, are unknown frequently beyond the third generation. Writer has found men who did not know the name of their grandparents. No record was kept of their genealogy. This compilation is prompted by a desire that Peru shall go down in history with a record revealing at least some of the good deeds and moral worth of her people, and their genealogy, occupation and prosperity, covering a period from 1790 to 1910.

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

"Footprints that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's stormy main,  
A forlorn and ship-wrecked brother  
Seeing may take heart again.

"Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait."

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Abbreviations used in this work:—ae, age, aged; b, born, birth; Cem., Cemetery; dis., disability; dau., daughter; jr., junior; m, married; vill., village; bros., brothers; Cent., Center; d, died; disc., discharged; res., residence; sen., senior; u m, unmarried.



Yours Truly, HOLLIS TURNER---1832-1911.



1832. HOLLIS TURNER. 1853.



## Purchase of Township No. 1



THE ORIGINAL purchasers of Township No. 1, and the conveyances on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as shown by the volumes of Eastern Lands' Deeds, with dates and prices of sale, are as follows:

June 24, 1789, to Wm. Wedgery of New Gloucester, 4480 acres adjoining New Pennicook (Rumford) and Androscoggin river; price paid, 405 pounds, 19 shillings, 8 pence, English currency, equivalent to \$2029.92, or about 45 cents per acre. The next deed is one to Daniel Lunt of Falmouth, conveying 4880 acres in Township No. 1, Jan. 29, 1790: price paid, 738 pounds, equivalent to \$3690, or a fraction over 75 cents per acre. Price advanced 30 cents an acre in seven months. The next deed in point of time is one to John Fox of Portland, conveying 2000 acres, March 13, 1792; price paid, 162 pounds, five shillings, eight pence, equivalent to \$811.42, or about 41 cents per acre. This payment was made in the securities of Commonwealth, and, in addition, 19 pounds specie was paid, equivalent to \$95.00, averaging cost per acre 45 cents, same as first purchase mentioned. The next and last deed is one conveying to Isaac Thompson, Joshua Eddy and Wm. Thompson of Middleborough, and James Sprout of Taunton, all of Township No. 1 not covered in the three deeds above mentioned, and reserving four public lots with 100 acres to each settler on the land before Jan. 1, 1784. This last deed is dated June 10, 1796. To compute the number of acres comprising the last sale, we need to know the size of the township at date of sale. Hon. Wm. M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, under date of July 3, 1907, very kindly gives the prices quoted and the whole number of acres, 24,750 (more or less): deducting the prior sales, 11,360 acres, there remain 13,390 acres, covering the sale of June 10, 1796; price, \$3245.74, or about 25 cents per acre.

### The First Settlers

No one of the grantees named in above sales became actual settlers in the township. There is a tradition that Merrill Knight of Falmouth shared with the said Daniel Lunt in his purchase of

the 4880 acres; that it grew out of the transaction whereby the said Knight employed the said Lunt to visit the Land Sales' Office and make the purchase, furnishing the money for that purpose, and when the said Lunt returned he reported the sum sent was not equal to the price paid, necessitating his furnishing a part of the purchase money and, therefore, claiming a share of the same. So far as known, the purchase was divided mutually between them. Knight received the north half and furnished to each of his sons and to those of his daughters who settled in town, a farm.

Daniel Lunt turned his share of the land estate over to his sons, William Lunt, Daniel Lunt, Jr., and James Lunt, who were early pioneers here. They were sons by first wife. She was Molly Starbird before marriage. Geo. W. Lunt came to Peru later. He also shared his father's estate here. He and Francis Lunt were sons of Daniel Lunt by his second wife, Eunice Conant before marriage.

### First Clearing in Township

The names of Fox, Lunt and Thompson are kept in memory by their several grants, as given in the plan of the town. The rest of the grantees are unknown, generally. This work supplies that knowledge. In adjusting the town line between Peru and Hartford, a portion of Thompson's grant was taken to Hartford.

Merrill Knight of Falmouth made in person the first clearing in the forest of Township No. 1 during the summer of 1794. His family remained in Falmouth during this period, though one or more of his sons may have assisted in this labor. They felled the trees ready for burning the next year, and returned home. This opening in the wilderness was on the second farm on the River road above Peru railroad station. In the spring of 1795, Merrill Knight and workmen returned to his new home, burned the felled trees, planted and sowed what he wanted, and built a log-house with two rooms on first floor. This building had to serve double purpose, as storehouse and dwelling, for a time.

### First House Built

In the fall of 1795 the building was serviceable to live in, and Mr. Knight returned to Falmouth for his family, or at least his wife and youngest child, Merrill, Jr., who was then two years old. There were ten other children then living, three sons and seven daughters. They all followed, evidently, soon after the parents came. Settlements had begun on the east side of the Androscog-

gin, at Jay Point (Canton Point) in 1792, and several pioneer families were located in this region prior to the coming of Knight.

This was the main line of travel from the seaboard towns, as emigrants pushed further back into the wilderness. They came via the Indian trails from Brunswick Falls and Lewiston, guided by spotted trees. The travel was confined to a foot-path for man and beast. Our heroic pioneer, Merrill Knight, traveled this route on foot, and his heroic wife, the mother of eleven children then living, rode on back of horse from Falmouth, bearing their youngest child, two years old, in her arms. But few families in our day would undertake the hardship and privation that lay before them. Mr. Knight was then about 49 years old; married when 17-18 years old. Judging from dates of birth of children, this couple had probably been married about 32 years.

### First Crops Raised-- First House Burned

Now we find Mr. Knight and wife in their new home, busily engaged in fall harvest. In addition to the usual crops of corn and vegetables, they had a patch of flax to convert into cloth for garments. This involved much labor of man and housewife. Flax was swingled to tow, and this spun and wove by the good housewife at home with the old spinning wheel run by foot power, and the hand loom. Tow cloth was in common wear for shirts and trousers. At first wearing and pending several washings, the shrives of flax, still fastened to the cloth, would chafe the skin to a painful degree.

Completing the harvest, the beef animal was killed and quarters suspended from the rafters in the chamber. The tow was stored in house, ready for labor of winter. The bounteous harvest gave good cheer, and all went merry and well, happy as a marriage bell. But, alas! mortal man little knows what is in store for him. Somehow, no one can tell how, fire came in contact with the tow, setting the house on fire in the night. Some one of the occupants awoke, having barely time for them to snatch their daily clothing and escape alive. Everything was consumed, save the old horse and a small boat, probably a log dug-out in the river. Their nearest neighbor was down the Indian trail, four miles, to the Wilson mansion, on the other side of the river. That they were stricken with sorrow and discouraged, no one can doubt. I seem to see the destitute family standing sentinels over the burning embers of expiring hopes till break of day, then slowly and wearily they wend their way towards the lands from whence they came.

## Colonists on the Way to Native Land

The Wilson farm at this period was a general rendezvous for the traveling public. Here the stricken family tarry for rest and refreshment. Their distress was made known and their host called a meeting of the settlers down the line, to convene at his place on short notice. They respond promptly. They learn of Merrill Knight and wife, their condition and discouragement, and their purpose to return to the land of their nativity. These generous, noble people, though residents of another town, soon determined to induce their neighbor colonist to return to his chosen lot of land and build another house, tendering their labor and offering the family a home at the Wilson house till the house could be made ready to occupy. They finally accept the proffered charity and work was begun soon on the new house. Evidently, this also was a log house. There is evidence of a building foundation east of the River road and near line of road in the old orchard south of the barn. This farm and its buildings were destined to be the hub of the new township, and were important factors in town affairs in colonial days.

## Plantation Meetings

It is believed all the plantation meetings were held continually at the house of Merrill Knight, from March 23, 1812, when the township was incorporated and became Plantation No. 1, till September 20, 1817, when meeting was called at the new schoolhouse at the top of the hill, on the "new county road," and on this farm. Records show that March meeting, 1814, was held at dwelling house of Merrill Knight. Prior to this date the records fail to specify place of meeting. Subsequent to above date the records show meetings continued at house of Merrill Knight. He built, after the second log house, a large, two-story frame house on same location of the present site. It is believed the meetings were held in the unfinished second story.

In plantation meeting, December 11, 1813, voted "to have a man's school at Merrill Knight's two months this winter and two months next summer, in the Eastern and Western districts." The amount raised this year for schools was \$50.00.

Merrill Knight was chosen moderator of the first plantation meeting after incorporation, held April 6, 1812. He was a public benefactor. He established the first ferry between Putnam's ferry, seven miles north, on the Androscoggin river, and Hathaway's ferry, five miles down the river, in Canton.

## First Pioneer, the First Proprietor of Ferry

The ferry was on this farm, known for quarter of a century as Knight's ferry. The boat landing at Peru side of the river was at the terminus of the "New County Road," the first road mentioned on the early records of Township No. 1. It was the only route from town north and east of the river to Sumner, Hartford, and Paris Court House. This place in those days was frequented by more people than home churches are in our day. This road was built the shortest route over hills and mountains. It was evidently the first wrought public highway in the township. Its location will appear on another page.

A crossing of the river began at this point, with the clearing of the wilderness. The ferry was owned and run by Mr. Knight during his lifetime. At his decease his son, Merrill, Jr., was his successor to farm and ferry. The large boat had a capacity limited to a one-horse team. The propelling power was sculling in deep water, or could push with pole in shoal water. It was no easy work at high pitch of water. This ferry continued till about 1828, when it was discontinued, and the boat served at a new ferry established about one and one-half miles up the river, by Jeremiah Hall. This ferry was subsequently owned by Solomon T. Alden, and lastly by Leonard H. Brown.

## First Cemetery in Plantation

Merrill Knight gave and set apart for public use one acre of his interval land for a cemetery. This burial lot adjoined the south line of roadway to the ferry. His grave is near the line at head of lot. A slate headstone bears the inscription, "Merrill Knight, died April 1st, 1817, in his 72nd year. He was an industrious, honorable man. It is due to his enterprise, foresight and resource that the wilderness was made to bloom and the town had its birth."

But little knowledge of his wife is available. She was living with son, Merrill, on the home farm in the winter of 1819. Her name does not appear in the census of 1820. No grave-stone is found in the family lot. Evidently she died before the census.

Eight of their eleven children—four sons and four daughters—made homes in Peru. Goin, the oldest son, had the second lot back and west of the river, on the "New County Road," leading from ferry by house of Merrill Knight, up Town House hill by the first schoolhouse, used for town meetings. He cleared and lived on this lot, a prosperous farmer through life.

## A New County and Its Shire Town

While Township No. 1 was subduing the wilderness, fighting forest fires to save their cabins, enduring hardship, and fearing daily, as the shades of night drew on, an attack by wild beasts or Indians, a single political event was the means of shaping the demands imposed on the taxpayers. The event was the formation of a new county, and making Paris the shire town. Had any other town north or south of Paris been the shire town, there would have been no special call to build the New County Road over the mountain to accommodate the lawyers of East Oxford to the most direct line from Knight's Ferry to the Court House, and the lawyers would not have had the golden opportunity to incite the Court of C. P. to impose fines of \$100 on the town for failing to keep a well-trod road through the drifting snows of March term of court.

Oxford County was incorporated in 1805, and named by Gen. David Leonard of Livermore, in said county. He came from Massachusetts prior to 1790. He named it after Oxford, Mass. He served as sheriff in the new county, also as representative to the General Court at Boston. He died in Livermore in 1811, in the prime of life, aged 44 years.

It is shown in 1910 that Oxford County has furnished six governors of Maine, six governors of other states, twenty representatives in Congress, four U. S. senators and one vice president, superintendents of schools in other states and one general in the army. Writer served under that general, Gen. Grover of Bethel, in Shenandoah Valley, fall of '64.

## Incorporation of Plantation No. 1

March 23, A. D. 1812.

The inhabitants of Plantation No. 1 assembled at a legal meeting, warned by order of the county treasurer of the county of Oxford, Henry Rust, Esq. Chose John Holland, Esq., moderator; Hezekiah Walker, plantation clerk. Chose Amos Knight, James Lunt and Wm. Kyle assessors for the present year. Collection of taxes bid off by Adam Knight, at ten cents on the dollar. At a meeting April 6, 1812, for the election of governor, lieutenant governor for this commonwealth, and senators for this district, Merrill Knight, moderator, there were cast 20 votes. Hezekiah Walker continued in the office of plantation and town clerk till March 9, 1829, when Stephen Gammon was chosen his successor.

## Plantation Meetings and Doings

March meeting, 1813, chose Amos Knight, moderator; Amos Knight, Adam Knight and Benj. Wormell, assessors; Wm. Walker, treasurer; and Adam Knight, collector, at 12 cents on the dollar. Raised \$500 highway tax.

Meeting April 5, 1813, voted 16 cents per hour for man labor, and 10 cents for ox labor on highway. Voted to raise eight dollars to defray plantation charges. March meeting, 1814, chose James H. Withington, moderator. April 1, 1814, governor election. There were cast 24 votes for Samuel Dexter, governor; Wm. Gray, lieutenant governor; Albion K. Parris, senator. Chose Amos Knight, Wm. Kyle and Isaac Robinson, hogreeves. These were very important officers when hogs were allowed to run at large.

Plantation meeting November 7, 1814, to elect a representative to Congress. Votes were brought in as follows: For Albion K. Parris, 22 votes; for Samuel A. Bradley, 1. At March 6, 1815, chose Edsel Grover, moderator; Adam Knight, Edsel Grover, Francis Waite, assessors. Chose James Lunt, treasurer. Meeting April 3, 1815, chose Francis Lunt, Henry Knight and Geo. Walker, hogreeves; Robinson Turner, Goin Knight, fence viewers. December 19, 1815, chose Maj. Wm. Brackett, moderator, the first time he appears in public. Voted to divide school money as follows: \$8 in lower district, \$12 in upper, and \$12 in Western. March 4, 1816, raised \$20 for plantation charges, \$50 school money and \$600 highway tax. Voted that swine should not run at large. That vote stood long enough to be recorded, then reconsidered.

Plantation meeting April 1, 1816, James H. Withington, moderator. Chose James Lunt, Adam Knight, Edsel Grover, assessors. For hogreeves a new name appears, Goin Knight, Moses Dennet, Wm. Brackett. Voted districts join and build one school-house in the center, and the school wards make the location.

September 2, 1816, twenty-seven voters favored separation of the district of Maine from Massachusetts; none opposed. Meeting of March 3, 1817, a new name appears. Surveyors of highways, Wm. Brackett, Robinson Turner, Sr., Edsel Grover, Wm. Millet. April 7, 1817, new names. Chose Merrill Knight, Jr., Abial Delano and Perkins Turner, hog constables. This official is given a more dignified title. Meeting April 7, 1817, 30 voters cast their ballots for Henry Dearborn, governor; Wm. King, lieutenant governor; John Moore, senator. New pioneers appear every few months. These records are compiled largely to show who the early pioneers were and their first appearance on our borders.

May 5, 1817, chose Daniel Deshon, J. H. Withington and Brady Bailey, committee to settle plantation accounts. Voted that the school districts should not be divided.

### Schools and Districts Laid Out

School districts were first laid out in 1813, three in number—the first from Jay line (Canton), up the river to Daniel Lunt's. His log house stood down on the intervale near the dividing line between Mrs. John Ludden's and the Manderville Hall place. District No. 2 extended from Daniel Lunt's to Rumford line; and No. 3 extended from Amos Knight's, now O. C. Hopkins' farm, continuing on "New County Road," and all roads connecting with same, over the mountain to Sumner line. They were designated as the Lower, Upper and Western districts, the last embracing Worthly Pond region. Raised that year \$50, school money, and voted to have a man's school at Merrill Knight's, two months that winter and two months the next summer in the Eastern and in the Western districts. That provided six months' school for the town during the year, at an average cost of teachers, provided they got all the money, at \$8.33 1-3 per month.

The next year they raised the same amount of school money and chose for school committee, Robinson Turner for the Lower district, Ephraim Kyle for Upper district, and Josiah Smith for Western district. The last named man lived in the valley on the "New County Road," beyond what is now Ozroe L. Knight's farm.

### First Schoolhouse

In 1815, December 19, voted to have one school this winter in the plantation, and put the money together, also to have the money divided, as follows: \$8 in the Lower district, \$12 in the Upper, and \$12 in Western District. In 1816 voted and raised \$50, school money. Up to this date, all schools have been taught in private dwelling houses, and no action taken to obtain a schoolhouse. At April meeting of this year the plantation voted to join and build one schoolhouse in the center, and chose the school committee to decide where the house should be located. The committee that year was Adam Knight, Robinson Turner, Sr., and Wm. Brackett, familiarly called Major.

### Plantation Officials

There was an attempt to institute a reform. It was voted that swine should not run at large, which had been the custom

from the first settler. The next line of record is: "Reconsidered the vote," and voted that hogs should run at large, if they are yoked and rung according to law. Rung means a large wire inserted and fastened through the nose. Hogs were professional racers. They were long legged, long nosed, and flat ribbed, and were built principally for speed and heavy squealing. To fatten one was the zenith of the impossible. To get one in fair condition was the work of years. A few decades later it afforded much pleasure to produce the biggest hog in town. Five hundred pounds to seven hundred pounds was a creditable showing; and now one-fourth of the size is the limit.

Swine running at large called for a set of officials, designated hogreeves and hog constables. They were chosen regularly each spring election and deemed as important as other officials. April 1, 1816, voted and chose Goin Knight, Moses Dennet, and Wm. Brackett for hogreeves. April 7, 1817, chose Merrill Knight, Abial Delano, and Perkins Turner for hog constables.

Plantation No 1 kept up the time-honored custom of electing Tything men. This was continued after town was incorporated. At March meeting, 1822, voted and chose Francis Lunt, Simeon Brackett and Josiah Curtis, Tything men. I venture the opinion that sleepers in church were not disturbed by crook or staff of these high officials. At this meeting, David Hoit, James H. Withington, and Geo. Smith were chosen hog constables. Amos Kyle, Wm. Walker, Jr., J. H. Jenne, Wm. Brock, Stephen Wing, and Edsel Grover were chosen school agents. Six school districts. Whole number of votes thrown for Wm. King, governor, in 1820 was 40.

At plantation meeting May 20, 1816, cast 25 votes for separation from Massachusetts. Voted not to have the plantation incorporate. Voted to join school districts. Voted to raise \$150 to build a schoolhouse. It appears by a vote taken September 20, 1816, that the above appropriation is not a money tax, but labor and material. After choosing Robinson Turner, James Lunt, Adam Knight, Hezekiah Walker and Wm. Brackett a committee to superintend the building of the schoolhouse, it was voted that each inhabitant should turn in his proportion of the tax in materials and labor on the schoolhouse, and voted that this tax should be paid by the first of December, next.

At the following March meeting, 1817, voted not to divide school districts. Again, at meeting May 5, voted not to divide school districts. At a special meeting for the purpose, voted to

raise \$175, additional sum. The record fails to state just what this is for. It is evidently to complete the schoolhouse.

At meeting of April 6, 1818, called at the house of Merrill Knight, voted and raised \$60, school money. Voted not to have the plantation incorporate, also not to have the school districts divided. In the meantime the schoolhouse is progressing slowly, so that a town meeting is called September 20, 1817, at the schoolhouse, the first time. This was the special meeting when the sum of \$175 was raised to complete the house. The next plantation meeting, March 2, 1818, was called at the house of Merrill Knight, when the name of Levi Ludden appears for the first time. Voted and chose James H. Withington, moderator; Hezekiah Walker, plantation clerk; for assessors, Edsel Grover, J. H. Withington, and Hezekiah Walker. Taxes were bid off by Daniel Deshon, at 5 percent. Chose Benj. Wormell, plantation treasurer and agent. Chose for school committee, Edsel Grover, J. H. Withington, and Robinson Turner, Sr. Adjourned the meeting to the 6th day of April, held also at house of Merrill Knight, and this was the last plantation meeting held there.

## School and Town House

The first schoolhouse was at the top of the hill, on the Merrill Knight farm, on the north side of the "New County Road," ascending the steep grade from the River road to the house and farm of Goin Knight. This house served for schoolhouse and townhouse till about 1842, a period of 25 years. Last meeting there, September 12, 1842.

Adam Knight, son of Merrill Knight, was the first man to represent Peru in the legislature after the town was incorporated, in 1821. He was elected September 8, 1823, having 21 votes, and Enoch Jaquis 1 vote. Physically he was a strong, robust, energetic man.

## First Liberty Pole

Following the achievements of the American military and naval forces in the war of 1812 and 1814, the people were very patriotic. In those days, before the American flag was common and within the reach of all, a Liberty Pole was the emblem of patriotism. Now that the first public building in town was erected on a commanding eminence, overlooking the broad, fertile plain of the majestic Androscoggin, it was befitting that the first Liberty

Pole should be erected on the first lot cleared and settled in the township, beside the first public highway, to commemorate the first schoolhouse and townhouse erected in town. With no small degree of pride and good cheer, a goodly number of the pioneer settlers met at the center of the plantation to celebrate the event. A tall, handsome pole was provided, and a deep hole dug in the earth nearby the schoolhouse.

### Climbing the Liberty Pole

It is well known that one important feat of this demonstration calls for a man at the top of the pole, forty feet from the ground, to stand erect on a platform one foot square, swing hat in air and give the emblem of liberty a name. How to climb that smooth pole when erected is the conundrum. Now it is decided that this feat should first be shown by some one of the first settlers of the first farm, and Adam Knight, son of Merrill, Jr., was chosen to give the exhibition. Mr. Knight decides the easiest way to the top of the pole is to make fast before the pole leaves the ground, and thus he was lifted skyward and held till the pole was made fast, when he acted well his part of the program.

Evidently at a later period, Adam Knight, son of Merrill, Sr., changed his residence and occupation from his farm on the hill to the water power, or at least a chance to make available the power on Speer's stream at Dickvale, now the John C. Wyman mill and power. He gained possession and began a sawmill there before leaving the hill farm. In the meantime he went on foot from home to his work there and returned each day. His route lay near the new schoolhouse, fronting James P. York's, thence toward Black Mountain to the meadow leading from foot of Old Dick to Dickvale. This route was then a wilderness.

### Bear Hug

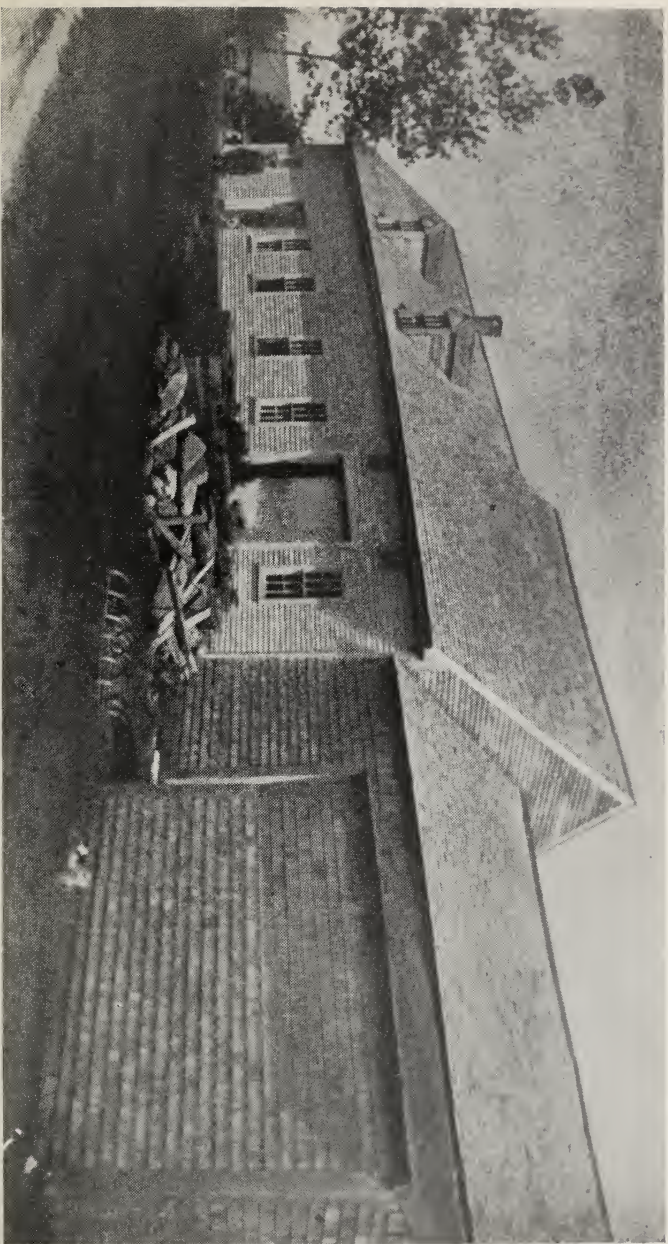
Mr. Knight was accustomed to take his gun with him during his travel. One morning during his trip to his mill, he had reached this meadow or bog, then a forest, and chanced to see a bear's cub. It would seem he did not stop to consider what the result might be but shot the cub at once. Very soon the cries of the cub brought an old white-faced bear. She gave battle before Mr. Knight could reload his gun, obtain a club or climb a tree. Now came a tug of war. The bear strove to hug her man, and the man rammed the bear with gun barrel and the battle continued

till Mrs. Bear yielded her life and that gun was well stove to pieces. He also trapped in cornfield on the Farrar farm eleven bears. Who shall say his war record was not worthy of a seat in the Legislature? Adam Knight was a prominent man in all the offices of plantation and town and was almost constantly filling some one office and often several of them the same year. He raised up a very likely family of children. Two sons, Merrill Knight, 2nd, and Nathaniel Knight, were of the leading townsmen in their day. A younger son, Daniel, went west soon after coming upon the stage of action and died about a year after in Oregon. Adam Knight and wife, Betsey Chase, d at Dickvale. She d June 22, 1847, ae 53 yrs. He d Apr. 18, 1853, ae 61 yrs.

### The New County Road

The first public road evidently in Township No. 1 was made years before the incorporation of Plantation No. 1. This road was to open a new line of travel from Dixfield and vicinity through the township to Sumner and to Paris Court House. It seemed the intent of the early settlers to seek the hills, however large or steep, and shun the valleys. This road is alluded to in the early plantation records and known as the "new county road." It began at the ferryway of Merrill Knight on the west bank of the river, thence westerly across his intervale to and past his buildings, crossing the river road as now traveled at right angles, thence up the big hill known as "Town House Hill" to Goin Knight farm and to Leonard Knight farm, Amos Knight farm, Francis Waite farm, thence bearing southeast to Harry Knight place, now Osroe L. Knight farm, to Josiah Smith and John Hodgdon farms closely nestled in the basin at the foot of mountain range surrounding east, south and west, thence up and over the mountain notch, a vast tract of ledge and rocks laid bare almost by falling rain and melting snow; thence on down the gentle slope to valley of Worthly pond.

Among the first settlers on this side of the mountain on line of the "new county road" were Robert Tilson and family. There is no record of this family except a head stone at the grave in the old yard at East Peru which reads, "Hannah, the wife of Josiah Tilson, father of Robert, sen., d Oct. 18, 1837, ae 69 yrs." We next mention the residence of John Moore. He is remembered as making baskets. His name appears on record of town meeting May 3d, 1830, when he and Wm. Kyle were chosen surveyors of



Hollis Turner house on "new county road" that extended by Ozroe Knight buildings up over the mountain to Paris. This road was built before plantation was incorporated.





1807. Knight Cemetery. Abandoned about 1887. Became a dense forest. Reclaimed and enclosed with iron



View of the landscape on line of the 'new county road' in Plantation days running by the Ozro Knight build-





highways. He was the father of Nahum Moore the popular conductor of P. & R. F. Ry. a term of years. It was here son Nahum was born.

Fairfield Moore, brother of John, was a resident and m Nancy Campbelle July 12, 1827.

Their sister, Nancy Moore, m Valentine Mathews, a soldier of 1812 war, settled in Franklin on Chas. L. Mathew farm (now Peru) in 1826 when their son Winthrop was three yrs old.

## Early Settlers in Worthly Pond Region

A fine productive farm in this region was that of Asa Bonney who came from Sumner. He lived here in 1827. Dea. Freeman Irish owned and occupied the premises in the early forties or earlier. It was then a fine residence, a good set of buildings and the premises were in flourishing condition.

Asa Bonney sold to Benj. Stevens and moved up the hill where his girls built a log house; from there he removed to a lot of land beyond the Nathan Harlow farm above Ripley's continuing there through life. His son, Cyrus, and family, occupied the farm a term of years. John Poland built a frame house above the Bonney log house mentioned. Russell Ellis lived on what is now the James Irish farm east side of Worthly pond.

Another residence of an early pioneer settler was that of Thaddeus Oldham, sen., who came from Sumner November, 1827, and located on the "new county road" on side hill. Road extended along hill range to Sumner and Rumford. His house, as also the first and second residences mentioned this side of the mountain, was made of logs. Here his sons, Benj. F., John and Hosea B., were born.

## Expensive Road over the Mountains

To build and maintain this road, particularly the mountain division, was a gigantic undertaking. It proved very expensive and a source of much complaint. It took a vast amount of labor each year to make the road passable. Records show Mar. 2, 1818: Plantation raised \$750 highway tax and \$400 of the sum was appropriated to this road.

Apr. 5, 1819, raised for this road alone \$500, highway. Just ten years later the condition of this road led the court C. P. to assess a fine of \$300 cash to satisfy an indictment on the "new county road" and Sept. 9, 1833, town voted \$100 cash for repairs on this

road to clear a second indictment. The writer rode over this road with his father's horse and wagon in 1840 or 41. The public travel changed about that period. A new road was opened on the west side of Worthly pond, making connection with the river road and the road through green woods to Sumner and Paris. Then the travel over the mountain ceased. The first record of road on plantation records is dated April 5, 1813, and reads: "Voted to lay out a road from the two mile tree on the county road, westerly by Brady Bailey's and Mr. Grover's" The residence of the former is now the town farm and the old Bailey house. Brady, sen., had two sons, Samuel L. and Brady, jr. The latter continued on the farm many years after the death of the parent. Samuel settled on the home lot erecting buildings near by, going east on the proposed town road; continuing thence down the slope toward the two mile tree above mentioned. The next resident was Daniel Delano who played the fife at the oldtime trainings with rare skill. The next farm residence before reaching the "new county road" was that of Sumner R. Newell a noted "schoolmaster" and a prominent town official many years. Going west from the Brady Bailey farm, the new town road probably continued to the Joshua Knox place, as now traveled, and to John Delano's above the Bray, formerly Stillman Wyman, residence. This section was designated "High street" at Elmer Knox place along the line where Mr. Jedediah Grover was a pioneer settler. Meeting of March 6, 1815, Adam Knight, Edsel Grover and Francis Waite were chosen assessors.

Edsel was the son of Jedediah and Elizabeth Grover. They had two girls, Ruth and Betsey. This family continued in town at date of incorporation, 1821. May 13, 1821, Edsel Grover m Mary Walker, b June 26, 1800, daughter of Wm. Walker, sen. They had a son Peter Smith Grover. This family moved probably around '40, date unknown, to Carthage, Me., where wife d Sept. 5, 1842.

Plantation meeting of Dec. 11, 1813, voted to lay out a road from James Lunt's through by Worthly pond and by Wm. Millet's to Hartford Line. This road intersected the river road quite near the Lunt house on south side, thence across Lunt pasture to Wm. Kyle house, standing then about twenty rods north of Henry Chase's house, thence down to road as now traveled to Worthly pond. The Chase buildings were built years afterwards by Moses True, who married a daughter of Amos Kyle, a brother to William. The description implies that Wm. Millet lived beyond the pond in

the direction of Hartford. Hills were the first places settled in those days. The course leads up and over the range of hills of which Gowell hill was a part.

Here he resided. William Millet and wife, Betsey; Chil., Leonard, b Mar. 2, 1810; Israel, b Oct. 4, 1813; Wm., jr., b Aug. 1, 1817; Betsey, b Sept. 10, 1819. All in town in 1821. In passing the foot of Worthly pond, the course of road mentioned crosses its outlet, and further down the stream a water power was established a few years after the road was completed. This was the first sawmill known in this part of the town. It was some distance below Ripley's and was erected by Elisha Thomas. To obtain a sufficient volume of water from main pond to supply the pond and mill below, it became necessary to excavate a deep channel from the large pond to the dam at the mill. The question arose, What was the quickest and cheapest way to remove the earth? The fall was not enough for the natural current to carry away the earth. It is told that Mr. Thomas was resourceful for the occasion, and it was household gossip for years, how he washed out that channel with new *rum and molasses*. He made a bee and the fluid did the work. Subsequently the water power at outlet was fully utilized by Maj. Wm. K. Ripley.

## The Second on Gowell Hill

The second on Gowell hill was a Mr. Sanders, who sold to Hezekiah Gowell and Jonathan Haskell. Mr. Haskell afterward located on the road from East Peru village to Albert S. Holman's farm. He was there in the early forties. It was the Thomas Frashier farm here in 1828. Mr. Gowell's residence on the hill a term of years gave it a name. He was an expert in wielding the goad and usually kept a well matched pair of oxen. Other residents were John Poland, who removed to Rumford, and Henry E. Young, from Hartford. Down the hill was James Tylor, between the Young place and Sylvanus Poland's, now the Albert M. Johnson place. Tylor was followed by Joseph Sampson, and he by Ezekiel Poland at his first marriage.

Town meeting, April 16, 1821. "Voted, that Wm. Millet and those on the west side of pond should be set off into a school district, and Wm. Millet was chosen school ward." In 1844 a road was built from Henry E. Young's, by head of Worthly pond to County road. Hezekiah Gowell, b Sept. 21, 1804, d May 20, 1883; and wife, Agnes, b Jan. 1, 1803, d Jan. 12, 1876. They sleep at E. Peru Cem. Children known, John F. and Albert L. Gowell.

## Incorporation of Town of Peru

State of Maine. In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

An act to establish the town of Peru in the County of Oxford.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled: That the plantation heretofore called No. 1, in the County of Oxford, as contained within the following described bounds, be and hereby is, with the inhabitants thereon, established as a town by the name of Peru, and bounded as follows, to wit: Westly by the town of Rumford and Plantation No. 2; south by the town of Sumner; east by the town of Hartford and Jay (now Canton), and north by Androscoggin river. And the said town of Peru is hereby vested with all the corporate powers and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and requisitions of other corporate towns, according to the constitution and laws of the state.

Be it further enacted that Stephen Barnard, Esq., of Mexico, in said county, upon application therefor, is hereby empowered to issue a warrant directed to a freehold inhabitant of said town of Peru, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town to meet at such convenient time and place as shall be appointed in said warrant for the choice of such officers as towns are by law empowered and required to choose at their annual town meetings.

In the House of Representatives, Jan 30, 1821. This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Benjamin Ames, Speaker.

In Senate, Jan. 31, 1821. This bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

William D. Williamson, President.

Feb. 5, 1821: Approved. William King.

Secretary of State's Office, Feb. 10, 1821, Portland.

A true copy. Attest: Ashur Ware, Sec'y of State.

Seal.

Oxford, ss.

To Wm. Brackett, one of the freehold inhabitants of the town of Peru, in said county:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of Peru, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the

schoolhouse near Merrill Knight's, in said Peru, on Wednesday, the fourth day of April, next, at one o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, to wit: 1st, to choose a moderator to govern said meeting; 2nd, to choose a town clerk; 3rd, to choose selectmen; 4th, to choose assessors; 5th, to choose town treasurer and all other officers that towns are authorized to choose in the months of March or April, annually.

Given under my hand and seal at Mexico this 26th day of March, 1821. Stephen Barnard, Justice of the Peace.

Oxford, ss.

Peru, March 28, 1821.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the within named inhabitants to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose within named, as the law directs.

William Brackett, Constable.

Peru, April 4, 1821.

The inhabitants of said town that were qualified by law to vote in town meetings, assembled at the schoolhouse in said town, by order of Stephen Barnard, Esq., in conformity to an act of the legislature of this state, and the meeting being opened according to the directions of the warrant, proceeded as follows, to wit:

Art. 1st. Chose Amos Knight, moderator.

Art. 2nd. Chose Hezekiah Walker, town clerk.

Arts. 3rd and 4th. Chose James Lunt, Josiah Curtis, Amos Knight, selectmen and assessors.

Art. 5th. Chose Wm. Walker, Jr., town treasurer.

Arts. 6th and 7th. Chose Wm. Brackett, collector and constable.

Art. 8th. Chose Nathan Walker, Josiah Curtis, Oliver Hopkins, Amos Knight, Wm. Kyle and Hezekiah Walker, highway surveyors.

Art. 9th. Chose Hezekiah Walker, James H. Withington, surveyors of lumber.

Art. 10th. Chose Robinson Turner, Wm. Brackett, Adam Knight, Josiah Curtis, fence viewers.

Art. 11th. Chose Nathan Walker, John Hodgdon, Robinson Turner, Wm. Brackett, Adam Knight, Josiah Curtis and Levi Ludden, hog constables.

Art. 12th. Chose George Walker, J. H. Withington, Abial Delano, tything men.

At plantation meeting in November, 1820, there were cast 40 votes for Wm. King, the first governor in Maine. On May 20, 1816, 25 votes were cast for separation from Massachusetts, and again in September of same year 27 votes were cast for same.

### Present Bounds of Peru

The bounds of Peru remained unchanged until Feb. 21, 1895, when that part west of a line drawn along the southeasterly lines of lots Nos. 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25, from Androscoggin river, were sold to Rumford for \$2000; and about that period the northerly portion of Franklin plantation was annexed to Rumford, and the remainder annexed to Peru. The said portions of Franklin were incorporated by the legislature as annex to the said towns. The addition to Peru embraces the Johnson's Mill region (so-called), to the Valentine Mathews farm, near Rumford line. Franklin plantation was composed of Buxton, Milton Academy and Bartlett grants, and was about five miles long and half as wide. The first clearing was made in 1816 and the first settlement in 1820. General settlement was made about ten years later, and the plantation organized in 1841. The population in 1870 was 178, and in 1880 was 159.

### View from Town House

The location on Townhouse hill where stood the first school-house, commands a magnificent and extensive view of the valley of the Androscoggin and the surrounding landscape. On the west, nearby, is a high bluff, "Morrill Ledge," extending northward to the plain that is about fifty rods wide from foot of mountain to the river. Its height hides the sun from view at the Walker home-stead farmhouse, in the valley, at 3.30 P. M., the longest days of the year. The top of this bluff commands a good view of Dixfield vill., West Peru vill. and the valley, to Rumford Falls, seven miles, its towering chimneys belching forth clouds of smoke. Extending westward from the river, at West Peru, is a chain of high hills that tower above the last named village and the valley of Speer's stream to Dickvale and Speckled mountain. This hill range was first cleared and peopled by the early pioneers. They built log cabins and transformed rugged hills, rocks and stumps into fertile and productive farms, good plow land covering the high ridges. There were neighborhoods and school districts with schoolhouses where no dwelling is found in the twentieth century. The following are a part of the heads of families at one time here:

Seth Burgess, Samuel Burgess, Paul Hammon, Jr., Dea. Demus Bishop, Oliver B. Canwell, Nathaniel Swift, 'Squire Bishop, Oliver Hopkins, David Atkins, Ebenezer Besse, Trueworthy Thurston, Mr. Fernald, Amos Kyle, Calvin Hopkins, Benjamin Lovejoy, Elijah Burgess, Luther Austin, Rollins Lovejoy, and many others.

## Early Settlers

Oliver Hopkins cleared and settled on the Nathan Bishop place in 1809, near upper cem. and north of vill. of Dickvale. Dea. Demus Bishop, when 20 years old, in 1821, came from Wayne to Lovejoy hill, where Lucius Lovejoy resides, felled the trees, and built a log house. He returned to Wayne, was married and began housekeeping in their new home. The regular traveled road was then over Burgess hill, intersecting the River road, same as now, where Lewis Dunn lives, known as the Thomas Burgess place, and a part of the original township. When Mrs. Bishop made her first visit (date unknown) to Wayne, she traveled the more direct course, through West Peru to River road by a line of spotted trees. In 1830 there was a road from Wm. W. Gordon's place, along the hillside, towards West Peru vill., as far as the Joel Hall place, brick house. Dea. Bishop had changed his residence to a log house on this road, and during that year he built a frame house, where the buildings, a brick house, of Hannah Bishop are located. He continued here through life. The present road from Wm. Woodsum's, now Office Rowe farm, to Adam Knight's mill was laid out April 13, 1832, and accepted April 1, 1833. This is now the John C. Wyman sawmill at Dickvale.

Opposite Morrill Ledge, across the river, is Marble Bluff, steep and rugged, with summit 300 feet above the plain, bordering on the river and barely wide enough for a carriage road between river and base of mountain. There may have been a huge dam here, in Valley Drift period, that formed a lake, flooding the valley of Webb's river on the east, and valley of Speer's stream on the west. The dam evidently raised the bed of the river and the plain on the west, connecting both mountains further up their fronting sides. From Marble Bluff, northeast, is seen a chain of mountains to Carthage and East Dixfield. The view from old schoolhouse commands a broad valley of varied landscape.

Rising easterly is an elevated landscape that hides Dixfield Center, peopled early by Holman families, conveying the name of "Holmantown" to the plantation. This was the hub of the community for half a century. Continuing our vision southeasterly,

Kidder mountain, Burnt hill and lesser hills reach to the valley, three miles down the river. Canton mountain is seen further down. The valley is dotted with elegant farm buildings and broad acres of fertile tillage on both sides of the river.

## Head Waters of Steam Boat Navigation

Half a mile down the river is Moore's rips and head-waters of steamboat navigation. In the summer of 1853 a boat was built at Mexico Corner to run to Canton Point and make connection with the railroad at Canton. In October the boat was floated down the river to destination and there the engine and machinery were put in and made ready for trial trip. About the middle of October, on Saturday, with several passengers on board, the boat proceeded up the river to Lunt's upper island in the channel, on Dixfield shore, where boat grounded, and, being unable to get afloat, she remained there over night. A heavy rain raised the waters, so Sunday morning the boat went to Moore's rock, nearby, at the rips above mentioned. This was a very large boulder (since reduced), causing a broad eddy, and here the boat rested while the pilot consulted his chart. The problem that confronted the pilot at this point was, can the boat stem the rapid current in middle of river? It is the severest test of any place on the route. This boat is propelled by side wheels. To favor the boat the keel should be kept parallel with the swift current. To attain that position, boat must back water and swing in line further down, instead of going at right angle to current from lee of rock to swift current. It was perfectly natural that the swift current struck brow of boat on starboard side and forced it down stream, in spite of tiller to resist; but quicker than pen can describe, tiller and wheel were broken and the boat was lost control of. The shore upon either side was thronged with people, who witnessed the scene. Thomas Reynolds, Dr. Swasey, Cyrus Wormell, Esq., and Daniel Reynolds are remembered among the passengers on the boat. The name of boat was printed on either side, above the wheel, and rightly named "Surprise." Doubtless the proprietor of this enterprise intended to surprise the public; as it ended, he must have been most surprised at the failure. The boat floated back to Canton, was tied to bank and the engine used to drive a sawmill. That ended navigation on this line. The credit of this enterprise is due to Mr. Hiram Ricker, the father of the Poland Spring Rickers. If the boat had been guided from head of island, up the center of swift



1810. Peru Center. View from Meeting House. See rock in river, head waters of steamboat navigation 1853.



View of Peru Center, Maine.



P. & R. F. Ry., here June 1892, 9 miles below Rumford Falls. See end of Greene store and meeting house behind tree beyond. Androscoggin river at right, looking up stream.





Rockemeka (Trange, P. of H., No. 109. Erected 1901 across street opposite the Meeting House.



current, past the big boulder on the right, it would have tested the strength of boat to best advantage, and probably pulled through.

## Stores and Traders at Peru Center

The first man known in trade at Peru Cent. was George W. Lunt, in 1819. It is not known when he began. The first Lunts came around 1800. Geo. W. was of age in March, 1815. He may have begun soon after. Next was Stephen Gammon, 1825-1830, located just above the house of Henry R. Robinson, at Peru Cent. Mr. Gammon first located here, built a house, barn and store, on about 30 acres of land. He was the leading trader in this part of the town. Goods came from Portland to Hallowell by boat, and hauled by ox team, two trips a week; freight, 50 cents per 100 pounds. One line of his deal was shaved pine shingles, bought for \$2 per M., paid 25 cents freight to Hallowell, and sold for \$3. He was town treasurer at one time, and taxpayers were permitted to bring in grain in payment of their taxes, the price to be named by the selectmen, payment by Feb. 1. The next in this line was an Englishman, a new comer by the name of Cockaroff, in a small shop just below the mill stream, as late as 1835. One article of trade was New England rum and molasses.

Another trader in the early thirties was Samuel L. Bailey, on his home farm. Though a successful farmer and drover, the credit system beat him and he quit. Daniel Deshon had a small stock of goods at East Peru, about 1846 to 1850, furnished by his son, John M., a merchant at Canton vill. many years. This was subsequent to tending his gristmill there.

## First Store at West Peru

The first store at West Peru was that of Gideon Norris, located on the lot occupied by the Samuel F. Robinson dwelling house. He was in trade a large portion of the thirties. In 1840 the store had passed to Timothy Ludden. He built the John Putnam dwelling house and sold house and store to Lyman Bolster. The latter built the brick store that is now the Grange building. He was in trade from around 1842 to 1866, when he moved to Bryant Pond.

The next on the list about the same period of Bolster was Alvah Small. He built a new store. His account book, 1840, shows trade generally was a barter deal on credit. Credit entries of farm products include ashes, which trader converted into potash and shipped to Portland. After Bolster, came Alpheus C. Small,

in the brick store, where he was trader and postmaster, in charge for a term of years, till his death.

Wm. Woodsum, Jr., began trade in the Alvah Small store around the middle fifties, and continued not far from thirty years. The next to occupy the brick store was Edwin Babb, agent for Rockemeka Grange, No. 109. Prior to 1892 the Grange store occupied the Fred Barstow shoe shop.

The Woodsum store passed to Benj. L. Rowe, formerly a blacksmith at this village several years. He had a good trade in the old store till he built the large edifice comprising store and tenement now occupied by Joseph Putnam, trader and postmaster. Benj. L. Rowe continued in trade in new store about two years, and was followed by his brother, Geo. L. Both were well patronized. The next in trade here was Henry F. Floyd, who kept a small stock of goods and did a safe deal, sharing the confidence and good will of the people, while he maintained the post of honor. The most successful of Peru's sons in commercial deal in town is Wm. Snow Walker. He began around 1861, with scarcely a dollar, to make tinware in the old Greene store at center of town, having bargained for the premises. He sold a year or two later to Elisha S. Wyman and settled at West vill., where he kept a country store forty years, till near close of 1903, when he sold store and goods for about seven and a half thousand dollars, cash down. He had accumulated at least twenty thousand dollars worth of property, and best of judges estimated him thirty thousand. Another of Peru's sons, a generation earlier, John M. Deshon, at Canton, accumulated in trade and usury fifty thousand dollars.

### A New Store at West Peru

John A. Putnam opened a new store at West Peru 1904-5, and sold about two years after to Eugene Staples from Carthage. He was in trade till store and goods burned. Mr. Putnam opened a new store, 1909-10. Geo. W. Goding & Son, successors to W. S. Walker, carry a large stock of goods. The first store at Dickvale was built and run by Orin Tracy, 1856-7. He was living in 1904 near Oxford vill. John C. Wyman, Jr., kept a small stock of goods on sale in connection with the postoffice, in the eighties and nineties, at Dickvale. Returning to Peru Cent., Jonas Greene bought the Joseph Ricker stand in 1849 and erected what is now the Kidder Bros.' store. He was in trade till early sixties, and held the office of postmaster. He had a good trade and gained property. For nearly thirty years, up to about 1890, the Greene



West Peru Village. West side on road to Dickvale. Looking down Main Street. first on right is the James Gowell house, left on street is Mrs. Bearce's millinery shop, next is West Peru Grange hall, formerly Lyman Bolster store. On left of hall is the old Bolster house.



store was owned and run by Elisha S. Wyman. He had an extensive trade and was postmaster till about 1888. Greenleaf Hodsdon came from Byron in 1889 and kept a small stock of goods in the Levi Lunt house, about a year. He next built the Wilma Kidder house at the Cent. and bought the Wyman store. He kept a general country store till 1898, and sold store and goods to Barrett and Kidder.

Wm. H. Bent built the set of buildings on the east side of road, above the Kidder store, where he was in trade a short time around the middle seventies. He was made postmaster in 1891 and kept office in store-room till mail came on cars, and since at his house. Hamlin Ireland opened a store at East Peru about 1900, built up quite a trade in groceries, and was given the postoffice, which had been kept in private houses several years. After two years he sold to Chas. N. Luce, who built a new store that is an ornament to the place.

### The First Mills in Town

Plantation at March meeting, 1813, voted to lay out a road from Lunt's Mill to George Walker's. This mill at the center of the town was first built by James Lunt, probably a year or two before this date. It consisted of an up and down saw for long lumber, driven by an undershot wheel, with a separate nigger wheel to propel the carriage bearing the log. Its capacity was about a thousand feet per day, if well tended. At the lower end of the mill, in the basement, was a room containing a set of granite millstones for coarse grinding. There was a drop floor with stairs from first floor, where the meal trough held the meal till shoveled into bag. This mill was subsequently sold to Henry Wragg, an emigrant from England. He was in possession and living on south bank of mill stream in spring of 1839. Prior to this he was a farmer and successor to Merrill Knight, Jr., on his father's farm. He built the main house now standing on the first farm cleared in town; and he sold the farm to Nathaniel Jackson; also the mill property to another Englishman, Edward Johnson who, with another man by the name of Cockaroff, was the principal delegation from England, preceding Philip Andrews, as settlers in Peru.

Cockaroff had left town, and doubtless returned to his native land, as did Edward Johnson, a single man, in spring of 1840. In April he sold the mill property and land to Robinson Turner, Jr., and started at once for England. When there, in 1845, the last named person learned of the safe return of Johnson. Johnson was

subject to deranged mind. One day he was sitting on the forge of Joseph Ricker's blacksmith shop, watching the fire as the bellows forced the sparks up, when he threw a five dollar gold piece, an English sovereign, into the flame. Mr. Ricker caught a glimpse of the shining metal before it reached the fire. He raked the coals and ashes over to find the coin, or some part, while Johnson seemed to delight watching every movement, expecting every moment to see his coin again. I need not say no trace could be found.

### First Burr Stones in the County

In summer and fall of 1844, Robinson Turner, Jr., built a new gristmill on the site of the old mill and introduced the first burr stones brought into Oxford County. They were manufactured by convicts at Charlestown, Mass., prison, the stone brought from France, and the pieces for the wheat mill and those for coarse grinding selected separately by Turner at the prison, as likewise those for the center around the eye and those at the outer edge. As quarried, this stone varies much in texture. It is porous, from coarse to fine. The pieces are fitted like patch work, and held together by cement, and the top covered several inches with plaster paris and held by iron bands.

### Successive Owners of Mill

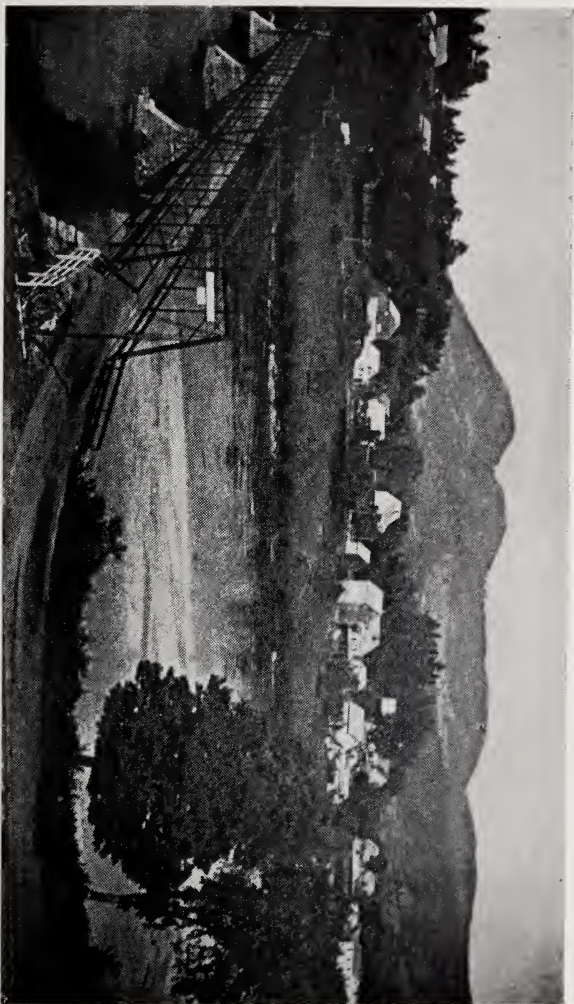
The Rev. Leonard Norcross of Dixfield superintended the construction of gear and machinery. The wheat mill was fitted with a fine silk bolt. Wheat was grown extensively in those days, and the mill commanded a large run of custom from all the surrounding towns. It did a thriving business for twenty years. The mill passed to Mr. Silver of Rumford, whose daughter, Addie E., was the wife of John V. Young, then manufacturing boots and shoes at this place. The mill was in charge of Goodwin Benson one or two years, and next passed to Gustavus Hayford of Canton. In the fall freshet of 1869, a portion of the underwork, including the wheat bolt on the drop floor of the mill, was carried with the flood down stream. This was due to slabs from the sawmill then erected by Hayford. That ended grinding wheat. The mill was in charge of George O. and Octavius Hayford, sons of Gustavus, a few years before it passed to Alonzo Pomroy of Sumner, in 1879 or 1880. He held and managed the mill about eight years, and sold mill, house and lot to Amos A. Babb. He held the mill property about two years, but did not occupy the premises or operate the mill

*Dixfield Village from Peru, Me.*



View from West Peru station. Sugar Loaves at left. See iron bridge across Webbs river, Dixfield Village down river.





The Toll Bridge and Sugar Loaf Mountain, Dixfield, Me. View from R. R. station ground at West  
Peru.



much. Rev. Mr. Ventres and sons ran the sawmill a few weeks to accommodate a few customers. He could do most any kind of work well. He was a good brick mason, and was not above work; was always busy out of the pulpit. He contributed much labor in painting and reshingling the old meeting-house during his pastorate here with the Baptist church, three years or more. The mill property passed from Babb to Howard Turner, the present owner.

### The First Grist Mill at West Peru

The first gristmill at West Peru was located, in 1822, where the Austin sawmill was burned in spring of 1905. It was known as the Curtis mill. Josiah Curtis was a member of the board of selectmen in 1821 and 1822, and believed to be the owner or occupant of the mill. The first owner of this and the adjoining water power, revealed, was one Mary Gilman of Lexington, Ky. Her executor, John Peck, conveyed by deed of warranty, Aug. 28, 1833, to Stephen Putnam of Peru the Curtis mill and the land and water power of the Arnold mill. It is known that this mill at that date was getting past service. It was taken down and the mill site sold by Putnam to Wm. S. Ludden, who erected the first sawmill at this part of the town. It is claimed that Timothy Ludden built the second gristmill, now the Arnold mill, on the Putnam mill site, further down the stream. Evidently this mill was owned in partnership. Putnam, at date of death, in 1844, owned one undivided half of this gristmill, and his widow, Beulah Putnam, and her heir, Levi Randall, deeded, May 27, 1846, said half of mill and lot to Robinson Turner of Peru for seven hundred dollars. He sold in about a year to David F. Brown of Peru.

The next owner of Putnam's gristmill known to writer was Alpheus C. Small. It passed to Phanael White, and next to Ira J. Parlin of Weld, who came to this village in September, 1867. His successor was Joseph A. Arnold, whose sons are the present owners, under the firm of Arnold Bros., dealers in feed and flour. For sawmill continued here, see life of John E. Jenne, of Joseph E. Jenne family.

### Columbia

One hundred and thirty-four years ago there sprang into being a new nation, such as never had been since the world began: a

nation in whose destiny were wrapped the interests of Liberty and Civilization to the end of time. Columbia, the asylum for the oppressed, the land of the free.

Columbia! 'tis a glorious land;  
Our own beloved native clime;  
By Freedom's eagle wings 'tis fanned,  
Her banner o'er it floats sublime.

Her snow-crowned mountains rising high,  
E'er to her star-gemmed azure dome,  
Her vales and plains, where'er they lie,  
We love them well, for 'tis our home.

Her breezes may not bear the bloom,  
Of Italy's bright sunny land—  
Or laden with the rich perfume,  
Of far Arabia's burning strand.

But O, our country; all the more,  
We love thee for thy northern skies;  
We love thy free surf-beaten shore—  
Above all others, thee we prize.

Our native land, to thee we turn,  
From all the Eastern pomp and pride;  
With love our patriot bosoms burn—  
Thou'rt dearer than all else beside;

Far dearer to us, freemen born,  
Than e'er the spicy Eastern strand,  
Though of thy glories thou wast shorn,  
We'd bless thee still; our native land.

To what great cause or influence do we owe our National existence, and just when and where in the annals of time, did that influence begin, which culminated in the birth of our glorious Republic? Was it religious intolerance, or political oppression? either or both that gave rise to our government? yea prompted the most liberal, patriotic, philanthropic spirit of its founders, while enacting an unheard-of compact, the Declaration of Independence, that endowed its authors with wisdom, while they embodied a Heaven born principle.

“All men are created equal.”

Was it instigated by the hand of cruel oppression, that drove from their homes a little band of Puritans, who were accustomed

to meet for religious worship with their pastor, one John Robinson at the residence of William Brewster in Scrooby, England, compelling them to seek refuge in Holland, and for what? Simply because these people did not believe it was right to worship God in the manner required by the laws of the country, or Church of England. They professed to follow the pure word of God, in opposition to the many traditions and ceremonies then prevailing. We little realize the hardships and persecutions they bore.

Again we ask. Shall we say, that to their Christian character, and invincible will; their independence of thought and action; we are indebted largely for the freedom of our institutions, the light of civilization and refinement? yea, the formation, and perpetuation of the most generous and humane government and the best government on earth?

We know that America owes her greatness to the sterling worth of those intrepid Puritan pioneers, who were the best gift of the old world to the new.

It is well known that this little band lived together in peace and love and holiness at Amsterdam, Holland, about twelve years. that they then decided to plant a colony in America; that a portion of them, forty-one men with women and children, after many delays and rebuffs and after a boisterous voyage of more than three months, finally reached Plymouth, Massachusetts, in the Mayflower, 1620. Would it not be a satisfaction to know who of their descendants are living today and their history. \*

There was a tax of three pence per pound on tea, says one, that induced the colonists to secede from England, in as much as England would not allow them representation in Parliament.

This leads us to ask whose teaching and influence gave character to the redoubtable James Otis of Massachusetts, that brilliant, bold and defiant orator, the creator of the theory of independence, and one of the leading spirits who incited the colonists to united action in seeking a redress of their wrongs, and to contend for their rights. We claim this theory was the result largely of the religious teaching of Pilgrim Fathers.

Religious motives influenced the first settlers of all the New England colonies. Church and civil matters were united, and church members only in two of the colonies were permitted to vote and hold office.

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\* See names of 103 passengers of Mayflower at close of book.

There was a law at one time requiring people to attend church on Sunday so often or pay a fine. It has been said that history repeats itself. How would it work to have such a law now?

In 1648 persons were fined one shilling for violating Fast Day in shooting a rabbit. People's tastes, like fashions, change. Then the law protected the day—now the day, both Sunday and Fast Day, is left, to protect or take care of itself, while the law seeks to protect the rabbit or in its stead a partridge, or a fish.

In 1730 at Baltimore a duty of from five to twenty shillings was laid upon all bachelors. I suppose the duty varied with the size. It is said the result was, old maids were not to be met with neither jealousy of husbands. Better have that law again.

I will tell a short story. A young clergyman having agreed to supply the pulpit of an older brother absent from home, escorted to church the daughter of the pastor, and after seeing her safely in her father's pew, ascended to the pulpit unconscious that this natural attention to the young lady was sufficient to excite lively imaginations and inquiries in the audience.

Upon reading the hymn to be sung, the young clergyman was surprised to perceive evident efforts in the congregation to suppress laughter.

The daughter of his friend possessed the mellifluous name of Grace, and all unsuspecting of that fact he had chosen the hymn, beginning with the words "Amazing grace" and proceeding with:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed:

Through many dangers toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

## The Grange and Prohibition

The following resolutions were adopted at the annual meeting of the Maine State Grange Dec. 23, 1910, in view of their definite and sturdy declarations of fundamental principles there would seem to be no doubt as to where the farmers of Maine stand in the fight that is upon us.

Whereas: To educate and elevate American farmers and to promote the welfare of our country and of mankind are funda-

mental principles of our organization, and it has always been the aim and desire of all true Patrons of Husbandry to work for the improvement of social conditions and the betterment of the morals of our people by carrying out principles of our order, and,

Whereas: Alcoholic liquor is the greatest evil of modern times, an enemy to progress and education, a destroyer of true manhood and womanhood, a menace to our homes, a burden to the State and a foe to good government and is in every way directly opposed to the principles of our order, and,

Whereas: Absolute prohibition is the only right and rational method of dealing with the liquor traffic, and the only method that we can conscientiously sanction, therefore, be it

Resolved: By the Maine State Grange in annual session assembled, representing nearly 60,000 patrons, that we emphatically protest against the repeal of the 26th amendment to our State constitution prohibiting the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors within the State.

Resolved: That it is the duty of every subordinate and Pomona Grange within the state to use all means possible to prevent the repeal of this amendment; and be it further

Resolved: That so far as possible we co-operate with and assist the churches, the Civic League, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and all other organizations opposed to the repeal of said amendment in retaining it upon our statute book.

## Peru Baptist Church

Plantation Number One, from which, in 1821, was incorporated the town of Peru, was settled about the year 1800. Some Baptist families were among the early settlers. At the request of these resident Baptists a council was called September 9, 1818, at the house of Benjamin Wormell, for the purpose of church organization. This council consisted of delegates from the Baptist church at Dixfield, and the First and Second Baptist churches of Livermore. The nine constituent members were: Jabez Delano, Grace Delano, Brada Bailey, Nancy Bailey, Benjamin Wormell, Anna Wormell, Robinson Turner, Gilbert Hatheway, Samson Freeman.

From the time of organization until 1843 the church had no regular pastor and supplies only a part of the time. Rev. Jackson Palmer Haines and others preached occasionally. In the early days two brethren from this church were licensed to preach: Gil-

bert Hatheway, August 25, 1821; and Larnard Cummings, April 22, 1833.

May 8, 1830, Rev. Elias Nelson from the Third church in Livermore united with the Peru church and remained three years preaching a part of the time. May 12, 1830, the church voted to unite with the church at Dixfield and in later years a number of pastors supplied Peru and East Dixfield churches. From the organization of the church until 1843 about twenty-five were taken into the church.

Services were held in schoolhouses and private residences for at least thirty years when the Baptists began to occupy the Methodist meeting-house at Peru Center. In 1894, the meeting-house was purchased by the Baptists. Repairs to the amount of about one hundred dollars were made at that time. March 14 and 15, 1843, a Quarterly Meeting was held at Bethel and a council composed of delegates to that Quarterly Meeting ordained Brother S. Wyman of the Peru church for the gospel ministry. Brother Wyman became pastor of the Peru church and remained until September 20, 1868. During his pastorate twenty-six joined the church by baptism, fifteen by letter and nine by experience.

Of this number, nineteen became members through the efforts of Rev. R. B. Andrews, who came to the church for special meetings in 1865. Elder Andrews came as one of a committee from the association to visit and hold meetings for three days with feeble churches. In about four years from this time Brother Andrews worked with this church in connection with the East Dixfield church and great results were felt. It was not a time of revival but of reformation. A great many who were converted at that time became members of the Free Will Baptist church and many also were added to the Methodist church in Peru. From the resignation of Rev. S. S. Wyman until June, 1869, Elder Andrews was pastor of the church.

In 1869, Rev. Charles Parker supplied the church in connection with the Canton church and his work was greatly appreciated. During 1870 and 1871, Rev. R. Dunham from Bryant's Pond supplied the church occasionally.

In 1872, Rev. C. H. Wyman preached at Peru and East Dixfield and 1873 Rev. J. R. Herrick supplied the same churches. A few years later Mr. Herrick was called to Peru to baptize three candidates. Rev. A. B. Pendleton came in 1875 and remained three years in connection with the church at East Dixfield. Three were baptized and united with the church during that time.

Then, for about three years, the church was without a pastor until Rev. G. L. Lewis came to Peru and Canton in 1881. In 1883 Rev. W. E. Morse supplied Peru and East Dixfield.

During 1885 Rev. W. H. S. Ventres was pastor at Peru and Canton and in 1886 became pastor of Peru church only. During his pastorate eight were baptized and united with the church.

Rev. J. M. Long from Canton supplied the church in 1887 and 1888. Mr. Long proved himself to be a man of deep earnestness and thorough scholarly attainments.

Again for four years the church was without a pastor. During 1893 and 1894, Rev. H. M. Purington from Canton, preached once each month and held a prayer-meeting each week. In 1895, Rev. S. D. Richardson from Hebron supplied once in two weeks. Mr. Richardson baptized two who united with the church.

Rev. J. D. Graham from Rumford Falls church supplied during 1897 and 1898. Rev. H. G. Clark from Canton preached during 1901.

Since that time the Peru church has been supplied by students and others for short periods of time, but the membership of the church has become so small that a pastor could not be supported throughout the year. State Missionary E. A. Davis now has oversight of the field and helps by sending supplies and doing personal work among the people. Three were baptized by Mr. Davis and united with the church during 1904.

A Sunday-school has been maintained for about fifty years and in the last few years the Sunday-school interest has been good even when we had no other church service. The average attendance is about twenty.

The Deacons who have served the church since its organization are: Gilbert Hatheway, James White, Scammon Starbird, Sumner Robinson, Winfield Shackley, W. H. Walker, Charles Lapham.

Those who have served as clerks are: Gilbert Hatheway, J. C. Wyman, Sumner Robinson, Sumner Robinson, Jr., Benjamin Allen, W. S. Shackley, W. H. Walker.

A legacy of two hundred dollars was left the church by Deacon Winfield S. Shackley. About sixty have been added to the church by baptism and about twenty-five by letter and experience since organization. The present membership of the church is twenty with a resident membership of twelve. 1910 resident membership, four, preaching service, ten Sabbaths.

Members who joined Peru Baptist church after its organization, and the year: Abial Delano, 1818; Sophia or Sarah Delano, his

wife, 1819; Lillis Turner, Abijah Delano, James White, Nancy White, 1820; Elizabeth Turner, Rebecca Marsh, Andrew Marsh, 1823; Abigail Delano, Lydia Lunt, 1824; Mason Hinkley, John Delano, Mehitable Delano, 1825; Jabez Delano, 1828; S. S. Wyman, Joanna Oldham, Abigail Bonney, 1831; Wm. Smith, Hannah Smith, 1832; James Knox, Sally Knox, Mehitable Wyman, 1833; Henry H. Wyman, 1837; Hannah Starbird, Scammon Starbird, 1840; Therzy Bassett, James Bassett, Wm. Delano, Nathaniel Starbird, Francis Delano, Nancy Wyman, Polly Parks, Gilbert H. Bailey, Hiram R. Knox, Elias N. Delano, Sarah Delano, 1843; John C. Wyman, Betsey T. L. Wyman, Susannah S. Wyman, 1844; Francis Lunt, 1845; Sumner Robinson, Sumner Robinson, Jr., Benjamin Allen, 1849; Cordelia Robinson, 1850; Joseph Hall, Betsey A. Walker, 1853; Eliza Y. Wyman, 1855; Sabrina Walker, 1859; Nancy W. Wyman, Winfield S. Shackley, 1860; Eliza Y. Gammon, 1862; Mary A. Wyman, Eveline Burgess, 1864; Abbie G. Newton, Geo. Washington Bisbee; Mary H. Bisbee, Elisha S. Wyman, Matilda K. Wyman, Orville Robinson, Sabra W. Robinson, Walter S. Newton, Wm. H. Walker, Albert Webster, 1866; Sarah M. Walker (wife of Wm. Chandler), Martha M. Arnold, Thomas E. Coombs, Eunice W. Merrill, Daniel S. Bickford, Lovesta Bickford, 1866; John F. Hazelton, Lydia J. Hazelton, Sarah White, 1867; Rev. Chas. Bisbee of Wilton, F. B., 1869; Mary K. Barrows (wife of James A.), 1871; Samuel F. Robinson 1877; Arthur S. Hazelton, Geo. O. Hayford, Maria M. Newton, Esther I. W. Gibbs, Mary E. A. Bent, Eunice G. Hayford, 1879. Other members who joined later or were identified as members of the faith: Henry R. Robinson, Windsor H. Wyman, Florence E. Wyman, Ozroe A. Wyman, Ida H. Hazelton, Charles S. Walker, Lizzie M. Walker, Iola M. Walker, Alma C. Walker.

The Methodist Meeting House at Cent. of Peru was erected and dedicated in fall of 1838. The pews were built and house completed in summer of 1839. The land was a part of Wm. Walker's farm, and given by son Hezekiah to the M. E. Church, and title of house and lot given to the Bishop of the M. E. Church. By this act the pew owners had no vested rights, except to occupy the house. In 1894 the Bishop sold the house and lot to the Baptist Church in Peru for one hundred dollars, cash.

### Peru Methodist Church

We regret that the records of the organization and subsequent acts of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Peru are not available,



The old Methodist Meeting House, dedicated 1838, Peru Center.

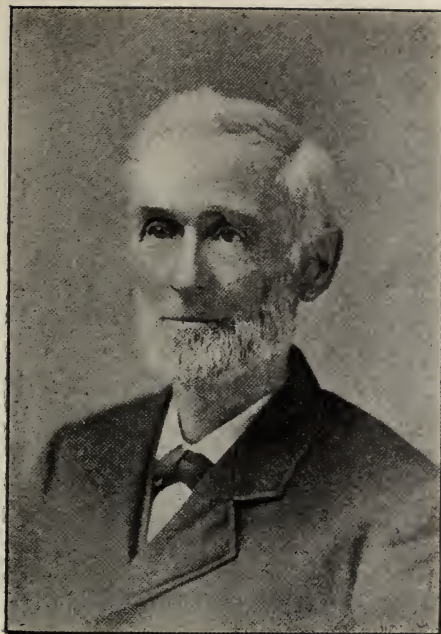


by reason of the death of nearly all the church officials forty years ago. James Lunt, the last surviving member, died in 1872. His daughter, Mary A., the wife of Rev. Robert Hall, was the last member resident in town in the middle eighties. She d in 1888. This church dedicated its house of worship at Peru Center in the fall of 1838. The first pastor that writer recollects was John Lufkin, of Rumford, in early forties. He was the type of giant stock, tall, dignified and stern, and preached some pretty warm sermons. Next or soon, followed Rev. Seth B. Chase in 1844. He was a native of Paris, a relative of Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. He was licensed to preach in 1843, and his first appointment was at East Rumford, the same year, where he reported a claim at the end of the year of \$107, of which he received \$82. His second, appointment, was Peru and Hartford, where he reported 126 members in a society that had never before reported a membership to the Conference. His whole claim this year was \$104, of which he got \$55. We can but conjecture what part of the members were of Peru. Twenty or more families of this persuasion, averaging three members at least were regular attendants at this church, leading to the probability that one half or more of the members were of Peru. The foregoing extracts are from the New England Southern Conference Report, 1902. Rev. Chase was much liked and highly respected by all. He was sure to have a full house. Most everybody went to meeting in those days on Sunday regardless of denomination. The audience would contain often nearly as many non-professors as professors of religion. The ministers of that day though not scholarly, were endowed with great power and uplift in prayer, seldom found with the best educated ministers of the twentieth century. Rev. Chase was no exception to the rule. We quote from his obituaries: "At one time he entered a sick room, and seeing some flowers that had been brought to the sick one, he remarked. There will be beautiful flowers in heaven." The sick one writes: "The expression was such it seemed to me that Father Chase stood on the very borderland of glory, and could see the glories of the heavenly home." Many of the church registers of the charges he served record baptisms and admissions by him. "In the great day of accounts many will rise up and call him blessed." "He had great power in prayer, seeming to talk with God as few men do." "While living at Rocky Hill, Conn., where he spent the last years of his life, he frequently supplied the pulpit and officiated at many funerals."

## Methodist Church

Methodist services were held more or less for a period of twenty-five years, though very irregular the last half of that period. For want of ready cash to pay the circuit preacher, the conference was not asked to furnish a pastor only a portion of the time. The pulpit was supplied largely by home talent. The membership of the church was the largest from 1838 to about 1850. In the early fifties a woman preacher, who was designated "Sister Parker," and a woman companion made their home with a family at Worthly pond several months. They held meetings in the school-houses there and had a general attendance and several conversions. Miss Parker sought to obtain a license from the Methodist conference to exhort or to preach. The presiding elder would come round once a year and hold an all-day service, and this lady waited his coming to present her request in a written letter.

Rev. Arthur Sanderson, who had held the last service, was so cordial, genial and spiritual that the candidate, though of the opposite sex, had hope of recognition at least in the good work she was doing. Perhaps she was not aware that the rules or laws of the creed would not allow her request. The day dawned, and a new official was to decide the fate of Sister Parker. She was there with her band of parishioners. They formed half of the audience that forenoon, and the house was quite well filled. The presiding elder preached his forenoon sermon, and, having knowledge of the event, gave Miss Parker an opportunity to show her ministerial ability. She gave impromptu a short dissertation. The minister remarked at the table that noon, "She is an able woman." In denying the request, he said, among other things, "It is an innovation." It was a sore disappointment to both Miss Parker and her followers. The worst feature of the event was the great lack of the spirit and sympathy of Christian fellowship on the part of the high official. He could at least, had he been so disposed, have bid her God-speed in the good work she was doing, and encouraged her to persevere, though he was unable to grant her request. But he manifested no appreciation of her services. His reply was taken to mean a rebuke to women preachers. The Pond contingent withdrew immediately. That was the last Methodist conference in that house. From that event, Methodist service declined and died in town. Sister Parker felt the rebuke so much that she left the service.



REV. SETH B. CHASE---1818-1902.



WIFE OF REV. S. B. CHASE---1821-1899.



## Members of the M. E. Church

The following heads of families and a portion of their members comprised a large part of the membership of the Methodist church during the years from 1838 to 1858: Moses True and wife, Amos Kyle and family, James Lunt and family, Levi Lunt and wife, Dean Lunt and wife, Samuel Holmes and family, Robert Hall and wife, Jefferson Hall and family, Liberty Hall and wife, Jeremiah Hall and wife, Liberty Hall, 2nd, and wife, Erastus Hall and wife, Joseph Ricker and family, Hezekiah Walker and wife, Nathan Walker and wife, Jedediah White and family, Wm. Walker, Jr., and wife, John E. Jenne and wife, Lyman Bolster and wife, Samuel Burgess, Wm. Paul and wife, John S. Lunt and wife. Jefferson and Robert Hall were licensed local preachers and occupied the pulpit of their house occasionally, in the absence of other preachers.

## Chase Family

The wife of Rev. Seth Bradford Chase was one of Peru's adopted daughters. Her marriage was seven years after adoption; her history and posterity are a part of the town's history and the historian recounts with pride the achievements of all such, known. Mary Elizabeth Holmes b Monmouth, Me., June 11, '21, m Jan. 31, '47, Seth Bradford Chase, a Methodist minister of Maine conference. The places of birth of their children show a few of his many pastorates. Chil., Abbie Elizabeth b North Paris, Nov. 15, '47, m Nov. 16, '70, John W. Starkweather at Chilmack, Mass. She d Apr. 2, 1904. Mary Elizabeth b Rumford, Me., Nov. 15, '52, graduated at Bridgewater Normal School, m Sept. 4, '77, Henry J. Ladd, bookkeeper. He d at Rocky Hill, Conn., Dec. 4, '90. Widow Ladd remarried May 15, '94, Henry Humphrey, proprietor sash and blind factory, retired. Address Rocky Hill, Conn. Clara Louise Chase b in Phillips, Me., Jan. 30, '57, attended Hartford, Conn. high school, stenographer and private secretary at Springfield, Mass. Etta Helena Chase b South Truro, Mass., Sept. 8, '61, graduate of the Hartford high school and of the New Britton, Conn. Normal School, taught in the City (Buffalo) Training School for Teachers. She is now (1909) proof reader at Rocky Hill, Conn. The last two unmarried are yet brilliant and smart. We pass to note the offspring of the two daughters who married. Chil. of Abbie E. and John W. Starkweather: Florence Chase Starkweather b Sept. 10, '71, m in Denver, Colorado, April 7, '92, Howard A. Giddings. Address

Hartford, Conn., Superintendent of Agencies Travelers Insurance Co. Robert B. Starkweather b Hartford Conn., June 8, '80, clerk in Travelers' Ins. Co., Chicago. Richard Holmes Starkweather, b Hartford, Conn., Mar. 15, '83, clerk in Travelers Ins. Co., New York City. Chil. of Mary Elizabeth Chase and Henry J. Ladd, b July 29, '48, bookkeeper in Rocky Hill, Conn., where he died Dec. 4, '90. Chester William Ladd, b Mar. 4, '82, at Thompsonville, Conn., m at Hartford, Conn., Apr. 23, 1907, Elsie H. Cleveland. Mary Elizabeth Humphrey had no issue.

Rev. Chase was b in Paris, Me., Nov. 30, 1818, at d at Rocky Hill, Conn., Jan. 21, 1902. He was educated in the common schools of his town and at Kent's Hill Seminary. Mary Elizabeth Holmes was the daughter of Capt. Samuel Holmes and Clarissa Marston the second child of nine children. She was a woman of sterling qualities, penetration, high ideals, energetic and full of business, a broad-minded Christian. Her qualities are transmitted and in evidence in the present generation. "Her health failed several years before her translation which took place May 18, 1899."

### First Meeting House at West Peru

It seldom falls to the lot of an historian to relate an act similar to the one that follows. West Peru had for over fifty years been in need of a meeting house. It would have been occupied regularly by Rev. Wm. Woodsum from 1830 when he came to town, until about 1862 when his home was broken up by the loss of his wife, Rosannah Woodman. But where was the money to come from to supply the want? The members of this church were few in number and of small means. Had some prophet foretold ten years before, that some one then living in town, would voluntarily and unsolicited provide the means, no one would have suspected that Alpheus C. Small would have filled the prophecy. He made provision in his will for the purchase of a lot and the building of the church, as dedicated by the Free Baptists, 1894. This act voluntarily and unsolicited seemed to be contrary to his general trend of life. If he had ever contemplated this bequest, he kept the matter a secret. What finally induced him? Did his guardian angel at the opportune moment impress upon his mind the precepts and example of fond parents, when in his youth he went with them to church every Sunday? In his musing he recalls the sweet pleasure father and mother took in church service, the anxiety they manifested for his welfare and their desire that he



1817. Levi Ludden, first local land owner here of one square mile. He was in town office 1818. Curtis mill was probably erected about this period. West Penn Village built about 1820.



should grow up a good and useful man; hence he was impressed with the debt of gratitude he owed them and the little he had done to perpetuate their virtues and the family name; then a sense of duty lead him to spring a joyful surprise on the community. This narrative is based on personal observation and the talk of testator at making of will.

## School Exhibition

An old time town school exhibition comprising the Wormell district and the Waite district was held at the Methodist meeting house in the early forties. This is worthy of note, it being the only instance this church suffered their house to be desecrated by dance music during organization. Program was made up of declamations, dialogues, drama and songs. The only music available was Wilson's string band, two fiddles and a bass viol. Amos Kyle plead with his uncle Hezekiah Walker half an hour before gaining his consent to occupy the house. No dancing behind the curtain. Every thing orderly. Mr. Walker decided the music was a little too quick for a house dedicated to church service and that settled it during their life time. This exhibition was notable. Several of the parts were taken by some of the best talent in town. Orville Knight had recently reached the stage of action, served on the school board and was appointed major in State militia. He was easy and fluent in speech. Sumner R. Newell was a pioneer school master, a great debator and interesting speaker. There were lots of school pupils whom writer is unable to recall by name after 65 years or more. It was on this occasion that Peru's poet and orator "Little Jacob" as his neighbors called him, gave evidence of much promise. Jacob Lovejoy was then about sixteen years old. He delivered a declaration, occupying nearly half an hour, declamatory, whose rendering would have done credit to Daniel Webster. One master scene of the program, was David killing Goliah. The parts were well sustained. Roscoe G. Newell, 4 yrs old, impersonated the young hero armed with sling and five small stones. Albion K. Knight the champion Philistine, clad in war armor, stood in height six feet and a span. See I Samuel, Chap. 17. "And the Philistine said I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man that we may fight together. And when the Philistine looked about and saw David he disdained him, for he was but a youth and ruddy and of a fair countenance and the Philistine cursed David by his gods, and said, come to me and

I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword and with a spear, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee. And it came to pass when the Philistine arose and came to meet David, that David ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag and took a stone and slung it and smote the Philistine in his head." The Goliath in the play, fell with a crash on the stage and every person in the house felt the thud. David rushed to the prostrate body drew from it a sword, and was to view, about to complete the threat, when the curtain dropped. Stephen Fletcher, Amos M. Kyle, Winslow Kyle, Jonathan Hall, Jr., Joseph E. Bartlett, his daughter about 15, sang alone. The leading violin caught tune, played interlude in gallery. Jane Lunt and sisters, Clarissa Holmes, Rothrus Waite and brothers, James M. Gammon, Geo. Walker and many others contributed. Simeon Bicknell of Canton gave vocal music. All good.

### Representatives in Legislature

Names of persons who represented Peru and her district in the Legislature of Maine since incorporation, and the year of their election and residence; Adam Knight, 1823, Peru; Silas Barnard, 1828, Dixfield; Silas Branard, 1830; John M. Eustis, 1831, Dixfield; Rev. Wm. Woodsum, 1832, Peru; Abiatha Austin, 1833, Canton; Isaac N. Stanley, 1838, Dixfield; Farewell Walton, 1839, Peru; Thos. J. Cox, 1840, Dixfield; Thos. J. Cox, 1841, Dixfield; Richard Hutchinson, 1842, Hartford; Orville Knight, 1843, Peru; Wm. K. Kimball, 1844, Canton; Joseph Child, 1845, Hartford; Sumner R. Newell, 1846, Peru; Caleb P. Holland, 1847, Canton; Sampson Reed, 1848, Hartford; Isaac Chase, 1849, Peru; Caleb P. Holland, 1850, Canton; Joseph P. Child, 1852, Hartford; Lyman Bolster, 1853, Peru; Samuel Poor, 1854, Andover; Richard Taylor, 1855, Byron; Joshua L. Weeks, 1856, Roxbury; Chas. A. Kimball, 1857, Rumford; Samuel Holmes, 1858, Peru; James W. Clark, 1859, Andover; Patrick Hoyt, 1860, Rumford; Thos. J. Demeritt, 1861, Peru; Ira Wadell, 1862, Rumford; Joseph L. Chapman, 1863, Andover; Henry S. McIntire, 1864, Peru; Francis A. Bacon, 1865, Rumford; Cyrus Dunn, 1866, Peru; Andrew J. Churchell, 1871, Peru; Moses Alley, 1872, Hartford; John P. Swasey, 1873, Canton; Wm. Woodsum, 1875, Peru; Gilbert Tilton, 1876,

Sumner; Henry B. Hersey, 1878, Canton; Joseph S. Mendal, 1879, Hartford; Henry Rowe, 1880, Peru.

Wm. H. Walker 1884 in Peru, was her last Representative. Under a new classification the party machine ostracised Peru from further Representatives in Legislature. Any thing is counted honest and fair that can win now-a-days, in politics. Twenty-five years have passed. Henry R. Robinson of Peru is Representative, 1910-1911.

### Citizenship--Its Rights

In noting the acts of the early settlers, it is amusing to observe the disregard that was manifested in a few instances for the rights of citizenship in a free republic. Among the pioneer settlers of Winthrop there chanced to be one who was not a freeholder. And though he was peaceable and well behaved he was held in derision and bore the epithet, Fiddler, a useless fellow and must be got rid of; accordingly, he was waited upon by the Magistrate, who warned him out of town and "off the face of God's earth." The poor fellow with a broken heart asked: "Where then shall I go?" "Go! go to Wayne." There was an instance on record showing a citizen was warned out of town, who was not a Fiddler (Peru always had great respect for that accomplishment). The case at point will appear. Joseph Orcutt of Monmouth, b North Bridgewater, Mass. (now Brockton), Sept. 14, 1781; m 1st Nov. 29, 1806 Naomi Chesman, who d Feb. 20, 1819, of same town. Their dau Naomi, b Feb. 16, 1819; m Nov. 9, 1840, Jedediah P. Hopkins in Peru. Prior to daughter's marriage Mr. Orcutt moved to Peru and was chosen School Agt., in district No. 11, 1838, presumably at March meeting. At April meeting of same year he presented Art. 6, a claim for injury to person sustained on highway, by horse breaking through culvert. Voted to pass the Article by.

At a subsequent town meeting, in the same year, he was warned by ballot to leave town. He obeyed the injunction and removed to Monmouth where he died Feb. 13, 1839. What would be said if similar events should occur in the twentieth century? The fact that the voters at that April meeting refused to recognize Mr. Orcutt's claim is not unusual, or was not at that date, but that they should assume authority to expel a man from town for receiving an injury in consequence of town's neglect to keep highways in safe repair, and that seems a just interpretation, reflects sadly a lack of intelligence and beneficence of the community, or at least

of the voters who favored the act. In 1640 Edward Hall of Duxbury, Mass., Progenitor of Peru Halls, had to get a license from Plymouth Court to build him a rude house on his own land where there was no settlement. That was under the Government of Kings, who claimed to rule by Divine Right. That right was abrogated 1776 by the "Declaration of Independence."

## Lawyers

Peru does not boast of resident lawyers, though she had one man who delighted to be in law and who spent a handsome property in contests at law covering a period of twenty years. He owned large tracts of land and refused to pay the taxes assessed thereon year after year, claiming illegality. His lands were sold for taxes over and over a term of years, and bid off by individuals who held a tax deed for title that availed nothing without possession, and the land owner only laughed, knowing there was no precedent in law that would give possession. Prominent lawyers had expressed the opinion that the High Court would not sanction the taking of tracts of land for its tax. Several who had invested in tax deeds, fearing the uncertainty pending, stopped attending land sales. Finally Mr. Jonas Green, having to do with town affairs, became interested to know what constituted a legal tax, and resolved to test the matter in high court. He began prosecution with a batch of over twenty counts March term of S. J. Court at Paris, 1864. Alvah Black of Paris was Lunt's attorney. It was agreed that the case be sent up to full bench without trial at that court. Mr. Lunt was considerable of a lawyer and well knew the Town Records would be the principal evidence in the case. He was living in the Cyrus Dunn Brick house, West Peru, near corner of road to Rd. Falls. Wm. Woodsum was Town Clerk and the records of the town were kept in a small room on the back side of his store, fitted up with a desk and shelves for books and papers and lighted by a window on that side. An unusual incident occurred here a few weeks before the court session at Paris. Mr. Peter Smith then living in his residence opposite the bridge had occasion to get up in the night by reason of a sick child and as he entered the room fronting the west end of the store, he saw a light, a blaze near the ground under the window on the back side of the Woodsum store. He went to inspect the cause and found that fuel had been placed against the store under the window, and set on fire. It had burned through the outside boarding and was dis-

covered just in time to save the room, the town records and the store. The yell, fire! fire! brought out the neighbors including Mr. Lunt promptly. The decision of the courts of March 1864 was very favorable for the defendant, and if he had stopped litigation then and settled all just demands to date, he would have retained the greater portion of his real estate. Of the twenty-two or three counts the prosecution held only six or seven. The ruling of court on those counts determined the defects of record or procedure that rendered, say sixteen counts illegal. The knowledge thus revealed was an educator to all town officials. It enabled Mr. Green to mend up the defects next time and by keeping the mill grinding as the years rolled on, bidding in tax sales and continuing to bring new cases before the High Court, he finally divested Mr. Lunt of nearly all his land. The last lot not involved was attached by Mr. Black for attorney's fees, and sold for two hundred dollars. This case was the means of swelling the next volume of Law Reports. It established for the first time well defined statute law in Maine for the taxation of property in all its details. It cost Mr. Lunt several thousand dollars for the illustrations of the law and the knowledge gained, yet the object lesson failed to gratify the people. Mr. Lunt never got any thanks.

### A Few Stray Items

The population of Peru in 1837 was 854. The population in the census of 1890 was 773 persons. In the War of the Rebellion Peru furnished 115 soldiers of whom 30 were killed or died in the service. She paid in bounties the sum of \$7,720. The name of Androscoggin river is an Indian name given by the Anasagunticooks whose camp Rocomeco for many years was on the east bank of the river south of Dixfield line. This territory (afterwards Jay) was first known as Phipps, Canada. The tract was granted to Capt. Phipps and 63 others for service rendered in the Indian wars. It is well known that a part of Jay was set off and incorporated town of Canton, 1821, the same year as Peru.

Lots of ponds in Kennebec county have become lakes under Indian names. In Monmouth Ctr., there is Lake Cochnewagen, named after Cochnewagens, a branch of the Anasagunticooks. The town of Sabattus takes its name from an Indian chief who acted as guide to Benedict Arnold in 1775 when he ascended the Kennebec river on his way to Quebec. Franklin plantation furnished twenty-seven soldiers in the Civil War. Peru produced

in 1837, 3457 bushels of wheat. Population of Canton in 1837 was 827. Crop of wheat 3114 bushels. Pop. in 1910, 1013. Pop. of Peru 1910, 746.

Dixfield was incorporated 1803. Population in 1837, 1148. Product of wheat same year 5522 bushels. Pop. in 1910, 1056.

## The First Free Baptist Church in Peru

The early records were taken and not returned by the executors in the estate of A. C. Small and his bequest to the church. A cyclopedia states the first F. B. Church here was organized in 1823. Rev. Wm. Woodsum was ordained that year at Sumner. It is probable he organized the church. Members in part: Demus Bishop and wife, Isabel C. Bishop, Amanda M. Walker, Mercy Walker, Amanda Walker, Alfred B. Walker, Mary Lucia Walker. In 1833 the church joined the Farmington Quarterly Meeting. In 1842 it joined the Otisfield Q. M. where it continues. Rev. Woodsum moved to Peru in 1831 and was the only pastor of this church during his life. He passed to higher life July 24, 1872. It appears that previous to his death a branch of this church had been organized at Worthly Pond and on the 28th day of May, 1873, the members of the First F. B. Church of Peru met with the branch at the schoolhouse at head of pond and voted to unite with the branch and form one church, and the members of said branch of whom Freeman Irish was deacon, voted to unite with said First F. B. Church and form one church. This church still exists and maintains church service at West Peru.

The members of the branch who joined the parent church are as follows: Benj. F. Oldham, Sarah J. M. Oldham, Isaac Oldham, Thaddeus Oldham, John Oldham, David G. Oldham, Sarah P. Oldham, Elias P. Oldham, Freeman Irish, Almedia Irish, Freeland Starbird, wife Mary Ellen Starbird, William Cox, wife Louisa P. Cox, Almedia R. Foster, Henry Milner, wife Jane Milner. Church voted to reinstate Demus Bishop and Freeman Irish as deacons of the First F. B. Church of Peru. In July, 1879, there were added by baptism Cyrus Burgess, Sophilia Burgess, Lydia J. Knight, Daniel D. Delano, W. H. Trafton. Oct. 19, 1879, added Henry Castle, Elmer Burgess and Mrs. Fannie Delano by baptism. Oct. 26, 1879, Alfred B. Walker was ordained deacon vice Deacon Irish resigned. Nov. 2, 1879, Daniel W. Knight, Lorenzo Delano were admitted by baptism. In Nov. 1882, J. C.

Wyman and J. H. Putnam were admitted by baptism. June 17, 1883, S. Ward Howard and Frances A. Wyman admitted by baptism. May 17, 1884, A. B. Walker, J. C. Wyman and L. D. Delano were chosen trustees to look after the will of A. C. Small that portion bequeathing money to build a house of worship at West Peru. June, 1884, Isabel B. Hammon, Lottie B. Hammon, Josie M. Delano, Lizzie G. Knight, Cora E. Turner, Clara E. Bemis, Daniel W. Walker, Fannie B. Newton, Oscar R. Delano were admitted by baptism.

Members of the First F. B. Church admitted later: Austin, Emma A.; Arnold, Joseph A.; Atkins, David; Atkins, Alby W.; Atkins, Aurie E.; Atkins, Edith L.; Burgess, Alden; Burgess, Elmer; Burgess, Sophia; Burgess, Lewis; Burgess, Merte; Babb, Edwin; Bisbee, Leroy; Bartlett, Joseph; Carver, Wm. W.; Carver, Lizzie; Delano, Fred A.; Gammon, Danville A.; Gammon, Carrie A.; Gordon, Grafton B.; Gordon, Flora A.; Goding, Eltene E.; Goding, Ernest G.; Hammon, Elva E.; Hammon, Isabel B.; Hemingway, Orpha G.; Hemingway, Maydell; Hall, Mary R.; Hall, Wilber; Hopkins, Oliver C.; Hopkins, Alice M.; Howard, Emily N.; Howard, Edgar M.; Howard, Eunice T.; Hussey, Edna M.; Irish, Chas. G.; Irish, Samuel F.; Irish, Lorenzo; Irish, Benj. P.; Irish, Mary J.; Irish, Julia I.; Irish, Abbie K.; Keen, C. T.; Kidder, Priscilla; Lovejoy, Ada B.; Lunt, Herbert; Lunt, Naemi; Lunt, Celia B.; McIntire, Nellie A.; Oldham, Eleanor; Putnam, John A.; Putnam, Lela G.; Rowe, Lucy B.; Rowe, Henry O.; Rowe, Etta L.; Rowe, Charles H.; Rowe, Mary E.; Rowe, Marion G.; Rowe, George L.; Rowe, Adella E.; Rowe, Emma J.; Robinson, Irene; Sampson, Benj. R.; Stillman, Hattie; Stillman, Hiram E.; Stillman, Olive M.; Small, Lillian A.; Small, Lora M.; Smith, Geo. A.; Smith, Mary J.; Tucker, Emily I.; Turner, Emily M.; Tracy, Julia H.; Tracy, Grace M.

### Benjamin Allen

Benjamin Allen and Mary A. Bent, daughter of Samuel Bent, and he, brother of the father of Wm. H. Bent, postmaster. Mr. Allen and wife before marriage worked on the farm several years for John Quincy Adams at Quincy, Mass. They formerly lived in Hartford. Their first child, Mary Ann, b. 1826, died there Sept. 1, 1842, ae. 16 yrs., 5 m. John Quincy Allen, their only son, b. 1832, died of consumption in Peru Jan. 23, 1855, ae. 23 yrs. The family came to Peru about 1847-8; bought the Nathan

Walker farm. It was the original Merrill Knight farm. There have been five family owners and occupants here since Benjamin Allen—Henry Wragg, Nathaniel Jackson and Nathan Walker were successors of Merrill Knight, Jr., on this farm. Mr. Allen was a prosperous farmer, honest, upright; he lived a well ordered life. The family were devoted Christians and zealous members in church service at the Methodist church. Mr. Allen served the town as selectman and other offices at different times. He died Jan. 27, 1880, ae. 80 years. His wife died July 25, 1885, ae. 86 years. Graves of the family are in Hartford. They were members of the Baptist church in Peru.

### Atkins Family

Nathaniel Atkins was among the early settlers of Wayne. He cleared a farm there owned by L. S. Maxim in the period covered by History of Wayne 1798-1898. His son Nathaniel, Jr., was a soldier in the war of 1812. He m. Pub. Nov. 12, 1813, Sophia Walton both of Wayne, the daughter of Wm. Walton, son by 2nd wife Mehitable Lyons. The above history says this family removed to Dixfield when Nathaniel, sen. deceased at the advanced age of 102 yrs. History fails to give dates. Nathaniel, Jr., was a resident a term of years in Peru. He lived on what is a part of Wilson Oldham's farm, house was located in the field east of the ridge road. It was subsequently moved up to the Ebenezer Hopkins place for his dwelling house.

Children who lived in Peru. Elmira b. Mar., 1818, m. 1861 Goodin Benson his 2nd wife, having been divorced from 1st wife after thirty years of constant union. Elmira was a good wife, faithful and true fifteen years till Benson's death. She subsequently remarried Ephriam Russell of Hartford. She lived the last years of her life at the home of her sister, Mrs. Celia B. Lunt, Peru, where she d. July 6, 1898. Her grave is beside of Benson in Atkins' cemetery, Canton.

### Members of Atkins Family

History of Wayne mentions Besse families among the early settlers of that town. Of them appears the name of Ebenezer Besse who m. 1st, ——— Doughty. They had three children, Lucy, Cynthia and Margery who m. David Atkins the father of Levi of Peru. Cynthia m. Reuben Besse, Jr., son of Reuben, a pioneer of Wayne.

Ebenezer m. 2nd, Lucy Kent. Had son Elisha who m. Lois

Dexter. They had eleven children. Ebenezer was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was also prominent in civil affairs and often in town office. He was high sheriff several years. At one time he was troubled to get hold of a certain man. He resorted to this expedient. He sent a man into the barn in the night time, instructing him to brad the cattle and make them bellow, while Besse stood by the door and took his man. He removed to Peru where he died as stated. His son Elisha served in the war of 1812, and his son, Elisha, Jr., served in the Mexican War, also in the Civil War as were his brothers Constant and Samuel. Three of this family were living in Wayne in 1898.

David Atkins was a brother of Nathaniel, Jr., He was b. in Wayne, 1784, d. in Peru Feb. 24, 1859. He m. around 1807 Margery Besse, b. Plymouth, Mass., 1784, d. in Peru, Jan. 9, 1857. This family settled on Burgess hill around 1808. Mrs. Atkins was the daughter of Ebenezer Besse, b. 1753, d. in Peru Oct. 24, 1846, ae. 93 yrs, 7 ms. He is the only Revolutionary soldier known whose grave is in our borders. Grave and monument in Dickvale yard. It is related that when the said Besse was sheriff he was required to serve a warrant on a poor woman and take her only feather bed for debt. As the law was then, the creditor could take the bed, provided it was not occupied by the sick body of the owner. Besse started in persuit of the poor debtor; chancing to meet her on the way, he promptly told her, "you are sick, go home and go to bed." The woman obeyed and retained her bed. The sheriff was more merciful than the law. Children of David Atkins: Levi J., b. May 20, 1808, in Peru; Lucy M., b. Aug. 2, 1810, m. C. A. Richardson. Their son died in Truckee, C. L., 1876; Sylvanus, b. Apr. 14, 1813, m. Pub. Sept. 23, 1855, Mary W. Arnold, widow of Rumford, dau. of Joseph Carlton. Sylvanus d. Dec. 10, 1904; Hannah, b. Feb. 14, 1815; Elizabeth, b. Mar. 20, 1817; Lois, b. Aug. 17, 1819; Lucretia Howe b. May 25, 1822, m. July, 1854, Thomas J. Demeritt; Owen, b. Apr. 29, 1825; Cynthia Besse, b. July 11, 1827, d. June 18, 1829; Cynthia Besse, b. Aug. 7, 1831, d. Peru, June 23, 1902, unmarried.

Levi J. Atkins m. Nov. 17, 1842, Sarah W., b. 1818, dau. of Rev. William and Rosannah Woodsum, Peru. Children:—Marcellus S., b. Nov. 18, 1844; Ora A., b. Feb. 25, 1847; Osga M., b. Mar. 1, 1849, d. Sept. 24, 1864, ae. 16 yrs.; Pamela W., b. Jan. 29, 1851; Roswell C., b. Nov. 29, 1856; Alby W., b. Feb. 21, 1861. Wife Sarah W., d. Aug. 15, 1864, ae. 46 yrs. Levi J., m. 2d, Clarinda Putnam of Sumner, June, 1866. Had son, David, b.

Aug. 30, 1867. Levi J. d. Jan. 12, 1886. Mr. Atkins was a conscientious upright Christian. His wife Sarah was a devoted Christian. They were members of the Free Baptist church and highly esteemed citizens, zealous in all moral reforms. Farmers by occupation they were patterns of industry, temperance and frugality. They reared up a good family of children who partook of the good qualities of parents. Residence Dickvale, adjoining the old Woodsum farm.

Marcellus S., m. Nov. 26, 1868, Sarah W. Lathrop, Canton, dau. of Benj. and Abby (Whitney) Lathrop. Children:—Velmer L., b. Sept. 8, 1869, m. Elton Newton; Edith L., b. Feb. 8, 1871, m. Frank Dickerman, Rumford Falls; Willie E., b. Dec. 1873; Alice M., m. Josiah G. Hall, Peru.

Alby W., m. Mar. 30, 1887, Aurie E., dau. of Orin Hammon. Children, Ralph E., Clarence E. Pamela W., m. Aug. 27, 1879, Frank Greene, a machinist, in Malden, Mass., son of William K. Greene, Peru. Had son Clifton F., b. Feb. 19, 1881. David Atkins, son of Levi J. and wife Clorinda, m. Aug. 1, 1905, Eliza M. Dolloff, N. Yarmouth. Home in Rumford.

Marcellus S. Atkins was a soldier, Co. I, 1st Regt. H. A., war of '61, promoted corp.; a pensioner at West Peru, and though a cripple he works as long as he can stand with a crutch. Roswell C. Atkins was in the regular army nearly twenty years. He served in Spanish war, was Sergt. and Q. M. At close of war he returned to California where he m. and settled.

### Austin Family

The family of Henry Austin and wife Hannah came doubtless soon after incorporation of Plantation No. 1. Plan. record shows their children, Phidelia, b. Mar. 12, 1816; Lydia, b. May 14, 1818; Hezekiah, b. July 30, 1820. They were here in 1821 at incorporation. All others came after.

Of the early pioneers was Charles Austin who it is said came from Phillips, the progenitor of a long line of descendants in town, numerous and reaching to the 5th generation. He m. Polly Burgess, b. June, 1789, d. Mar. 23, 1853, a sister of Seth, Samuel and Ebenezer Burgess. Children:—John, b. Apr. 5, 1811; Luther, b. Nov. 25, 1813; Mercy, b. May 14, 1816, m. Alden Frost Pub. Oct. 14, 1838; Betsey, b. Sept. 19, 1818, m. ——— Mason in N. H., d. there; Abigail, b. Sept. 19, 1821, m. Harrison Burgess; Melinda W., b. Aug. 14, 1824, m. Alpheus Burgess; Amanda, b. Feb. 7, 1827, m. Caleb Walker, Roxbury; Maria, b. June 6, 1832, m. Zadoc

Eastman, Mexico; Charles Henry, b. Sept. 26, 1836, m. Malissa Mann, Mexico. One Adrianna Austin m. John Holland, Feb. 11, 1858.

John Austin, third generation, m. Oct. 6, 1831, Maria, dau. of Samuel Burgess, sen., d. July 19, 1890. Children:—Charles A., b. April 5, 1833, m. Isadore Jordan, Rumford; Ellen M., b. May 19, 1836, m. Edward W. Haines, son of Samuel; Sally, b. July 18, 1837, d. Oct. 29, 1856; John, Jr., b. May 3, 1841; Geo. W. T., b. Apr. 16, 1843; Hannah, b. Aug. 30, 1845, d. single; Edwin R., b. Sept. 12, 1850, d. Dec. 5, 1881, m. Laura, dau. of Cyrus and Dorcas Burgess, about 1870. Child, Emma F., b. Dec. 20, 1871; Harriet E., b. June 10, 1853, a sister to Edwin R.

John Austin, Jr., 4th generation, m. Pub. April 16, 1865, Susan F., b. Oct. 8, 1845, dau. Samuel Burgess, Jr., and Sarah Luke. He served Priv. Co. G, 9th Me., 2 yrs., 3 mos., dis. for disability. Children:—Chester, b. 1870, m. May 28, 1906, Mary McQuillan; Edith E., b. 1874, m. Aug. 2, 1891, Harry Purrington, Lewiston. Wife d. Dec. 2, 1892, ae. 18 yrs., 2 mos.; Orrie E., b. 1877, m. Wallace E., son of Daniel F. Haines, John Austin, Jr., d. at his farm home on Burgess Hill, 1908. His wife, a cripple, survives him.

George W. T. Austin, named by Dr. Turner, b. Apr. 16, 1843, m. Dec., 1865, Augusta A., dau. of Samuel Burgess, Jr. Child:—Lilla M., b. 1872, m. Dec. 16, 1891, John B. Frost. She d. May 30, 1892.

Charles A. Austin, the oldest son of John, sen., of Peru, must. Nov. 19, 1861, in Co. D, 12th Regt. Me. Vols., ae. 28, married. He d. in service or was discharged for disability in 1862.

Edwin R. Austin and Laura Burgess m. Dec. 18, 1870. He d. Dec. 5, 1881. Children:—Eva M., b. Dec. 20, 1871, m. July 4, 1891, Lewis M. Knox, son of Algernon Knox. Lewis d. Oct. 26, 1897. Widow Laura Austin remarried Frank Morse, son of David. He is employed at the spool mill in Dixfield. Widow Eva M. Knox remarried Chas. Pratt. Other children, Emma, m. a White, lives in Denmark; Eliza, m. Hiram Howard in Weld.

Luther Austin, 3d generation, who d. Mar. 19, 1881, m. Pub. Aug. 12, 1838, Deborah Stevens of Berlin, N. H. She was b. April 9, 1811, d. Jan. 2, 1887. Children:—Angelina Vivaldi, b. Jan. 2, 1840, m. Nov. 20, 1859, Samuel P. Haines, son of Samuel and Polly (Lovejoy) Haines; Angelina C., b. Sept. 1, 1842, m. Moses Dunton of Lewiston. She d. 1893; Gertrude L., b. Dec. 17, 1843, m. Abel Ryer, Jersey City; Georgianna, b. July 25, 1845,

m. Joseph Dunton, Lewiston. He d. She m. 2d. Andrew Harvey. She d. of cancer in Auburn; Preston, b. June 22, 1847, m. July 20, 1874, Lizzie F. Morse. Wife d. Jan. 20, 1907, ae. 52 yrs.; Stephen, b. June 8, 1849, m. Nettie Pease, N. Y.; Joel, b. July 4, 1851; Priscilla A., b. Aug. 2, 1853, d. Nov. 21, 1853; Barlow Stevens, b. Apr. 15, 1858.

John Austin was a noted chopper in clearing the forest. In the days when it was claimed occasionally that one gallon of New England rum would go further than a bushel of corn to bread the family, this man would cut and fell several acres of hard wood thick growth in a day. How many if the ardent held out? An incredible number, as estimated in our day. Touching the bread quality of the ardent; the above theory is based on false premises. Scientists tell us alcohol does not contain a particle of nutriment. Its agency is mechanical similar to a whip applied to a nervous horse. It takes so much more energy out of the animal in either case, and if continued shortens life.

Preston Austin, 4th generation, son of Luther and wife, Lizzie F. Austin. Child:—Luther S., b. May 11, 1880, m. July 8, 1903, Carrie B. Benson, Sumner. Luther S. d. Apr. 12, 1906. Living one son and dau. Georgia Anna, m. Louis Laduke, and Angelia, m. Philip Lovejoy, both living in Rumford.

Joel Austin, son of Luther, m. Nov. 29, 1874, Susie H., dau. of E. P. and Esther R. (Weld) Gibbs. Wife d. at Alleghany City, Pa., Dec. 18, 1881, ae. 27 yrs. Two weeks infant died Jan. 3, 1882. Children:—Esther G., b. Feb. 25, 1880, d. July 8, 1901, in Rhode Island, grave in East Peru; Ernest is married, res. Minn.; Helen Maud, d. 1871, ae. 5½ yrs.

Barlow Stevens Austin, son of Luther, m. May 27, 1883, Etta A., dau. Wm. A. Burgess and Nancy Fay of N. H. Child:—Wm. G. Mr. Barlow S. Austin is a good mechanic. He has kept pace with the growth and beautifying of West Peru village on the Wm. A. Burgess stand, formerly the Joseph E. Jenne place. It was here the editor of the Maine Farmer cancelled his intended visit to his correspondent. See Jenne family.

### Another Race of Austins

Justus Austin, b. 1808, came from Fayette, Me., 1832 or 33, m. Nov., 1833, Lydia Hall of Rumford, b. 1809. He died 1863. Wife died 1878. Children:—Elbridge Gerry, b. Peru, May 24, 1834; Rosamond, b. Sept. 29, 1838, d. Aug. 16, 1839; Wm. A., m. Dec. 25, 1862, Judith B. dau. Chas. N. York; Sidney A., b. Peru,

1848, m. Oct. 18, 1870, Martha J. Robinson, b. 1852, sister to Samuel F. Robinson, P. M. West Peru a term of years. Sidney A. d. a Christian, Sept. 22, 1909. Wm. A. had son Frank Sidney, b. Feb. 27, 1866. Children of Sidney, Albert H., b. 1872, d. 1904, m. Eva M., daughter of Frank Smith, b. 1874; Louise, m. Eugene Haines.

Elbridge G. Austin m. Oct. 20, 1860, Emma A., dau. of Jeremiah Knight of Peru, b. Aug. 23, 1843. Children:—Arno J., b. July 22, 1864; Erwin R., b. 1877, m. Gladys M., dau. of Sumner Knox.

Arno J., m. Bessie L. McEgan, b. Williamstown, N. B. Had sons, Bion, d. July 19, 1901, ae. 61½ yrs., and Leland E., b. ———. Wife Bessie d. Arno J. m. 2d, Alice J. Newell of Sumner. Children:—Oscar N., b. ———; Lawrence C., b. ———. Elbridge and son Arno are first-class mechanics and very useful citizens, strictly honest and reliable.

### Philip Andrew

Philip Andrew of England m. Feb., 1825, Elizabeth, dau. of Robinson Turner, sen., Peru. He followed the trade of cabinet maker and was a good workman. Children:—Hiram, b. Dec. 9, 1825. Last known in Mass.: twins, Charlotte and Elvira, b. Jan. 25, 1826, Elvira d. Apr. 25, 1826, Charlotte d. when about 20 yrs. old; Mary Ann, b. Apr. 6, 1828, d. Mar. 19, 1829; Charles, b. Dec. 29, 1829. Last known in Mass.: Mary, b. about 1831, bid off a pauper Apr. 3, 1837, till ae. 18, by Elijah Hall for \$18. William, b. 1835, m. Sept., 1855, Genett B., dau. of Volentine Mathews of Franklin Pl. Child:—Philip, b. Aug. 5, 1858, m. May 30, 1881. Cora May, dau. of Cyrus Dorr. Children:—Mabel Alfa, b. June 8, 1882; Wm. Leroy, b. May 11, 1884; Philip Winthrop, b. June 16, 1895; Mary Thelia, b. Aug. 2, 1901. Wm. Andrew was a Priv. Co. E, 10th Me. Regt., served his enlistment for 2 years. Must. Oct. 16, 1861, discharged May 8, 1863. His first son Winthrop, b. Jan. 18, 1855. Wm. Andrew was a good man of exemplary deportment, honest and honorable. It is claimed he d. Nov. 15, 1883. His last son, Wm. L., b. Oct. 8, 1861, d. 1882. Philip, son of Wm., has been in charge of grist mill at Dixfield a term of years.

Philip Andrew lived at Peru Center in the house across the mill stream just below the grist mill. It is believed he began there about the time of marriage and all of his children were born there and had a home there till about 1835. Mr. Andrew worked

at his trade away from home most of the time. He worked at West Peru at one time. Worked at Augusta in the early thirties. He had been there a year or two leaving the family to care for themselves in 1835, when they came to want. The mother of 4 or 5 children then living, believing that the father had deserted the family and finding herself physically unable to continue their support, broke up the family in 1836, put out the children except Wm. then a babe and vacated the mill house, going to the Samuel Walker house for rent where Daniel Conant now lives. In 1837 she left boy Wm. in care of her brother Perkins and went out to work. Not long after this, Philip Andrew came round. It is not known that he manifested any care or concern for his children. It appears the most he wanted was to add to their number, but he had lost the opportunity. The mother went down to Canton mountain before this. Two of her aunts lived there, Peggy Turner who m. a Robinson and Hannah m. a Childs.

Philip Andrew like a mule had no pride in ancestry and no regard for posterity. At the breaking of the Andrew family the children were scattered. Hiram lived with Hiram Wormell on the Harlow farm at Worthly Pond a short period. Charlotte lived with Wm. Berry at Canton a term of years and died there around middle forties. Charles when last known was in Mass. Mary lived a short time with Elijah Hall who left town in 1839 or 40 and Mary is traced to Seth Turner's; there in 1846 at Bretun's Mills. She finally went to Mass., m. a Lovell. In 1860 she visited Peru with her son about six years old and went with writer to see her brother Wm., then married and living in Franklin; found his wife and was entertained. Wm. was away several miles and she did not see him. This was the last known of Mary. Wm. when young went to live with Elbridge G. Hall on the Thomas Burgess place where he grew up.

Mr. Andrew's visit was short. The next known of him he returned to Perkins Turner's some little time after with another woman as wife. He claimed he had been on a visit to England. It is thought he went to Bethel to live. We are unable to trace him further, except his earlier career which was somewhat novel. Subsequent to the events related the mother of Philip's children, remarried one Obed Griffith, a resident of Hartford, a man destitute of property and feeble in body. Perhaps they made a comfortable living during their wedded life. This ended in the early forties when Obed died and Elizabeth Griffith came to want on the town of Hartford. Around the year 1843 said town served a

pauper notice on Peru, as her pauper residence. This in due time was followed by a suit at law for the support of said pauper. The question at issue which town was her pauper residence. Legal counsel said if she was the legal wife of Andrew she was Peru's pauper, otherwise Hartford's.

Hartford began a suit against Peru in spring of 1845 entered probably March term of court at Paris. After due notice a special town meeting in Peru was called to see what action should be taken. In May of that year it was voted to leave the matter in the hands of the selectmen subject to their discretion. The terminal point of this case was whether or not Andrew had a wife living in England at the date of his marriage to Elizabeth Turner. Philip Andrew when sober was very reticent, and had never divulged anything touching his life and acts in his native country. It happened however that his wife's brother, Robinson Turner, Jr., slept with him one night several years before these events at a hotel in Bangor, when Andrew was intoxicated and he mumbled words in his sleep that led his bedfellow to suspect there had been a marriage in England. The town based their hope of defense solely upon this incident. Had those bedfellows occupied separate beds that suit at law would have been settled outside of Paris court house, and Peru would have accepted the pauper. To gain the case was estimated worth a thousand dollars. The pauper died in June, 1858. The selectmen decided to send an agent to England to hunt for record of Philip Andrew and family, if any, in England. They employed Robinson Turner, Jr., their town agent. He left home on the trip the last of May, 1845, and returned in just eight weeks to a day. He hunted the records in three cities, Liverpool Manchester and Stockholm, and found evidence that the identical Philip Andrew had a wife and children living in England at the date of his marriage to the said Elizabeth Turner. The document evidence thus obtained won the case in favor of Peru and cost about \$200 expense of agent. The lawyers were Seth May for Hartford and Mr. Codman of Portland for Peru.

### Solomon T. Alden

Solomon T. Alden, m. Caroline Hosley sister of John Hosley, Dixfield. He belonged to Livermore family of Aldens. He came in possession of Hall's ferry and farm adjoining in 1841 and continued over twenty years to run the ferry, do farm work and shoe-making. Children:—James Almon, b. Nov. 5, 1841; Belinda M., b. Apr. 13, 1843, m. Pub. Dec. 29, 1862, Calvin Holland; Eudora

P. H., b. Sept. 10, 1846; Emma F., b. May 23, 1851. This family left town around the year 1864. The next owner was Leonard H. Brown.

### Salmon Andrews

Salmon Andrews, son of John Andrews, m. Clarissa Redin, a sister of John Redin. Children:—John, who was in the Civil War, Must. Co. D, 12th Me., Nov. 15, 1861, age 28 yrs. He m. Lydia Howe and removed to Mass.; Serena, b. 1829, d. Oct. 16, 1847.

### Richard Anderson

Richard Anderson, m. Sept. 22, 1822, Lucy Tuttle, both of Peru. Children:—Daniel Tuttle, b. Jan., 1823; Susannah, b. Oct. 19, 1825; Louisiana, b. Jan. 5, 1828; Goin K., b. Nov. 21, 1830; Wm. West, b. Mar. 2, 1834; Lucy Ellen, b. July 7, 1841. Probably the last named family left town in the forties.

### Almon Andrews

Almon Andrews, son of John, b. 1816, m. Nov. 27, 1838, Mary H., b. 1819, dau. of Thos. S. Lord, a soldier of 1812 war. Children:—James H., b. 1840, soldier Co. D, 12th Me., d. 1862 in service; Wm. W., b. 1844, soldier Co. D, 12th Me., d. 1862 in service; Henry Herbert, b. 1854, m. Mary Etta Wing, b. 1854, dau. of Chas. A. Wing of Monmouth. They had children, Viva M., b. 1885, d. Sept. 22, 1889, ae. 4 yrs., 3 mos.; and Iva M., b. 1895, d. -895.

Almon Andrews, d. 1888. His wife d. May 7, 1906, ae. 78 yrs. Their son Charles m. Nellie J. Bowker.

Born Oct. 28, 1910, to the wife of Ernest Andrews a son.

Almon Andrews was brother to Salmon Andrews. Almon Andrews and wife were upright, a good class of citizens. All of the Andrews families were farmers living in Franklin plantation in its day.

### Rev. Alonzo A. Abbott

Rev. Alonzo A. Abbott b. in Plantation No. 2, now town of Sumner, Nov. 24, 1827, the son of Daniel Abbott, a soldier of the war of 1812, m. in Hartford, 1848, Fidelia P. Putnam, dau. of James Putnam, b. in Groton, Mass., and Betsey Ames of Canton. They moved from Hartford to Peru in the fall of 1861 and continued in vicinity. Wife was b. 1828, d. 1904. No children. The subject of this sketch was a self-made man. His early education was limited, being confined to the district school; but he

was not to be restrained for want of literary advantages. Nature endowed him with oratorical and rare ministerial ability. He was able with little study and practice to outdo the majority of institute graduates. He preached extemporaneously with a zeal worthy of the cause. But few divines have been as popular with the masses. His circuit of labor extended from Lewiston to the great lakes and from Sandy river to New Hampshire. His active service in the ministry covers a period of half a century. In addition to social meetings and regular church service, he attended over fifty baptisms, married over four hundred couple and preached over thirteen hundred funeral sermons. Only about one hundred of these were persons of his persuasion, known as Second Advent society. It may be justly said that he was not prompted in his labors by pecuniary gain. On the contrary, like Paul of old, he preached for the love of the cause as did Rev. Woodsum and Rev. Wyman, resident townsmen who preceded him in part. They all got small remuneration of money value, though they were long and faithful in service. God blessed their labors. Nearly the whole town under their leadership became a church going people, who held these ministers in high esteem and showed respect for the Sabbath. Their teaching and exemplary lives exerted a marked influence on all classes old and young in the development and formation of character. This prepared the people for the moral reforms soon to be inaugurated, and when prohibition became a law, Peru was ready to obey its mandates. The community became noted for temperance and sobriety. Industry and general prosperity followed. No liquor agency in town since the Maine law, when drunken broils and lawsuits ceased. No lawyer tried to live here to practice his profession.

Andrew Abbott, brother of Rev. Alonzo A. Abbott, m. around 1830. Rachel, daughter of John Reddin. Wife d. Dec. 20, 1846. Children:—Sarah Abbott, b. Dec. 8, 1831, in No. 2, m. a Mr. Cole, living in Mass.; Cyrus Abbott, b. Dec. 2, 1839, m. and d. on coast of Maine 20-25 years ago, around 1885. The Rev. Alonzo A. Abbott carried on farming and stock raising on his farm in Franklin plantation over twenty years, up to his wife's death in 1904, it being now a part of Peru. Prior to this, his residence was in Peru. He always kept open doors and was noted for hospitality, generosity, affability and sociability. His health failing, among the last of his ministerial services he preached the funeral sermon of Wm. H. Trask at head of Worthly pond Apr., 1903. Rev. Abbott is the last of the old time ministers in this section of

Oxford county. He was called to his reward Feb. 28, 1909. He has fought a good fight, has kept the faith, hence there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

### Another Race

Erastus Abbott, b. July, 1817, m. Mar. 21, 1843, Lydia Ann Akeley of Lancaster, N. H. He was the son of Isaac Abbott and Susan Alley, b. Lancaster, N. H. Children:—Geo. Abbott, b. Apr. 20, 1845; Erastus T., b. Oct. 17, 1849; Lydia E., b. July 29, 1851; Mary Rosan, b. Aug. 25, 1856; Oreanna E., b. May 3, 1858, died Aug. 17, 1875; Roena S., b. Mar. 4, 1860, m. son of Robert Townsend in Oxford; Tryphena E., b. Apr. 5, 1862, d. Dec. 17, 1883; Julia J., b. Apr. 3, 1864, d. May 30, 1896; Albert Winfield, b. Dec. 17, 1866, d. Mar. 19, 1886. Wife, Lydia Ann, d. Feb. 22, 1867. This family came to Franklin plantation, 1852. Erastus m. 2nd, Oct. 9, 1870, Nancy C., daughter of Wm. Piper, and the widow of Thomas Wyman, a soldier in war of 1861, Co. H, 10th Me. Children:—Lee L., b. Sept. 21, 1871; Althea Nancy, b. Nov. 2, 1873, d. Jan. 6, 1875; Fremont Q., b. Nov. 14, 1875. Erastus died Oct. 24, 1905, at his daughter's, Mary R. Oldham. Wife d. Jan. 12, 1906, in Mass.

Mr. Abbott was a useful and respected citizen. By occupation he worked farming and when the melting snow afforded flood of water in his mill brook, he tended a rickety up and down saw mill. No one but a genius can saw lumber well, even, smooth and true with such equipment. Mr. Abbott filled the place with ease, doing the best of work. Daughter Mary R., by 1st wife m. 1st Isaac Hopkins, soldier war of 1861, Co. F, 23d Regt. Me., Vols. He died. She m. 2nd, Daniel Wilson Oldham of Peru, a prosperous farmer on Ridge road. Farm embraces the Ichabod Benson lot. Dau. Bertha E., by Hopkins, m. Sylvester Searls in Wilton. Isaac Hopkins was son of George Hopkins. He d. Apr. 25, 1880. Geo. Hopkins was the son of Peter, Jr., 2nd. See Capt. Peter.

### Joseph A. Arnold

Joseph A. Arnold, b. Rumford, son of Samuel, b. Mass., and Mary (Carleton b. Byron) Arnold, m. 1st Georgie Stevens. Children:—Willard S., b. 1878, m. Dec. 14, 1904, Osca M. Child (divorced) dau. of John A. Putnam; Joseph A., b. 1884, m. Apr. 17, 1909, Daisy B. Dwinal of Minot. Wife Georgie Stevens d. 1884, in Rumford. Joseph A. m. 2nd, Nov. 22, 1884, Ada M., dau. of Wm. A. and Nancy Burgess. No issue. Husband d. Nov.

25, 1904, ae. 57 yrs. Mr. Arnold came from Rumford to West Peru. His first occupation was a village blacksmith. This he followed faithfully and well a few years after his last marriage. Mr. Arnold was an upright, exemplary Christian, a strong pillar in the church, an active useful citizen.

Arnold Bros. are doing an extensive business at the old stand in grain, feed and flour, also carry on a repair shop of carts, carriages and bicycles. Willard A. has served as town clerk and tax collector a term of years very satisfactorily. Mrs. Ada M. Arnold, a very exemplary lady, has her home in the family and with her sister, Mrs. Ida J. Demeritt at West Peru Vill.

### Baileys

Brady and Nancy Bailey. He was b. around 1770 and d. Sept. 19, 1856. His wife d. July 7, 1862. This family was in the township before the incorporation of Plantation No. 1 in 1812. His name first appears on the record of meeting Apr. 6, 1813. Children:—Samuel Lunt, b. July 1, 1798, m. 1818, Charlotte Brackett, b. 1799, dau. of Maj. Wm. Brackett by 1st wife, d. June 19, 1890; Brady, Jr., b. Apr. 7, 1804, d. July 13, 1873, m. Pub. May 29, 1837, Marinda, dau. of Zadoc Fobes of Peru. Her mother was Judith Roberts, sister to Seth. Her father was brother to Benj. and Arza Fobes. The Fobes family came from Buckfield. Benj., the first settler, came before 1821 with wife and seven children. The children of Samuel L. Bailey were Wm., b. Nov. 13, 1818, d. Jan. 22, 1821; Wm., b. Nov. 19, 1821; Betsey, b. Dec. 20, 1823, d. Mar. 20, 1904, m. Pub. 1851, Henry S. McIntire; Gilbert Hathaway, b. May 18, 1828, d. Feb. 7, 1894; Lydia Salmon, b. June 23, 1830, m. Adrian, son of Seth Roberts; Cornelius Holland, b. Mar. 23, 1832, m. Lydia Perry in Turner; Nancy, b. May 20, 1834, m. Newton Perry, Res. Turner; Susan Fobes, b. Nov. 7, 1836, m. ——— Haskell; Emeline Augustus, b. June, 1839, m. Nov. 21, 1861, Wm. Lombard; Samuel Stillman, b. Jan 25, 1844, killed in army, battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 23, 1862.

Grandchildren of Samuel L. Bailey. His oldest son, Wm., b. Nov. 19, 1821, is reported to be living in Windham, 1907. He m. Feb. 6, 1850, Emeline, b. March 16, 1818, d. July 16, 1854 dau. of Merrill and Rachel Knight, Jr.\* Their children:—Mary Caroline, b. Sept. 1, 1852; Catherine, b. Apr. 16, 1854; Samuel Henry, b. June 29, 1858; Frances Jane, b. Apr. 29, 1856.

\* Grave of Emeline beside parents in Knight cemetery.

Gilbert Hathaway Bailey, b. May 18, 1828, m. in the late fifties Ellen Roberts, b. Mar. 18, 1838, d. Dec. 9, 1862, dau. of Benj. and Mercy (Tuttle) Roberts. Child:—Addie M., b. Mar. 25, 1859. Mr. Bailey was a soldier Co. K, 29th Me. Inf. He m. 2nd, Sept. 22, 1867, Maria E. Chandler at Belgrade, Me. No issue. He lived and died at his residence on Water street, Auburn, Me., where he accumulated a good property. He was overseer in the factory a term of years.

Children of Cornelius H. and Lydia (Perry) Bailey:—Joel Leslie, b. Aug. 1, 1859, m. Althea Davis. Have son, Fred M.; Emma, m. Harvey Verrill; Annie, m. Orin M. Bailey, no issue.

Emeline A. Bailey, m. Nov. 21, 1861, Wm. F. Lombard, b. Harrison, Me., 1834, son of Joseph and Mary Lombard, d. Apr. 3, 1907. Wife d. 1872. Child:—Winnie Frances, b. Apr. 28, 1862, m. Geo. O. Tufts. Living Turner St., Auburn. Mr. Lombard m. 2nd, Mary B. Temple, Lewiston. He served in Co. D, 16th Me. till close of war when he resumed carpenter trade. He helped rebuild Portland after the great fire around 1870. Worked there 2 or 3 yrs.; thence removed to Lewiston where he was foreman and general manager of the contracting firm of Smith and Miller 6 yrs. His health failing he removed to Limestone, Aroostook county, where he remained a term of years. He d. at Auburn.

The children of Brady, Jr. and Marinda Bailey were Victoria, b. Mar. 22, 1839, m. Pub. Nov. 11, 1856, Algenon S. Knox; Mansfield Grover, b. Jan. 22, 1843; Leonard Atkins, b. Mar. 25, 1848; Betsey Flavilla, b. May 5, 1853.

Grandchildren of Lydia Salmon (Bailey) Roberts:—Gilbert, Oscar, Ida, Etta Everett. Child of Nancy Bailey Perry:—Edelia, m. Ernest Dillingham. No issue. Wife d. Child of Susan Bailey Haskell:—Lena, m.

## Major Wm. Brackett

Maj. William Brackett came soon after the Walker family. His farm lay between Wm. Walker, Jr.'s and Merrill Knight's on the river road, now owned by Evander Bert Knox whose wife is a great grandchild by Brackett's first wife, Betty Walker before marriage. Wm. Brackett, born 1752, was the son of Thomas and Mary (Snow) Brackett who were m. 1744 and he was a soldier at Louisburg in 1745. They had sons,—John Snow, b. 1749; William, b. 1752, a Revolutionary soldier; Peter, b. 1756, a Revolutionary soldier; and daughters, Mary, Anna and Hannah.

The above Thomas was a son of Zachariah Brackett and all we can learn of him "he went back to Hampton because of an unhappy marriage to a second wife named Mary Ross in 1741." Zachariah was a son of Anthony who lived on the Deering farm. He was captured there by the Indians in 1676, and afterwards escaped, going to Portsmouth, N. H., where he had formerly lived. At a later date unknown, he returned to the Deering farm and was killed there in 1689, evidently by the Indians. See extract from Indian history.

It may gratify some one to learn that Maine's noted statesman, Thomas Brackett Reed, had this strain of Brackett blood in his veins. His great grandfather, Thomas Reed, married the daughter of Thomas Brackett who was the father of our Maj. Wm. Brackett. Wm. Brackett's sister became the great grandmother of Thomas B. Reed and there he got his name in full, Thomas Brackett Reed.

#### From Indian War History

One Simon, an Indian who had taken this name and who was called by his associates the "Yankee Killer," boasted that he had shot many a white man and that he had never failed but once in striking his victim to the ground. Early in Aug., 1676, this Simon, with a party of savages, entered the house of Anthony Brackett in Falmouth. They seized all the weapons in the house and bound Mr. Brackett, his wife, five children and a negro servant. Mrs. Brackett's brother, Nathaniel Mitten, made some slight resistance and they instantly killed him. The unhappy captives were all carried away by the savages. Circumstances indicate that Mr. Brackett had by his fair dealings won the confidence of the Indians and therefore they spared his life and the lives of the members of his family. Brackett occupied a large farm at Back Cove.

There was an ancestor of the Brackett family by the name of Thomas Brackett who was killed at Clark's Point in 1676, some fifty years before the father of Wm. was born. He m. Mary Mitton, daughter of Michael Mitton. They had a son Samuel, b. about 1674, who escaped from the Indians. He was carried to Portsmouth to his grandfather Anthony's house. Afterwards he was sent to Kittery, now Berwick, to live with his aunt, Martha Mitton. He m. Elizabeth Botts before 1695. He was a resident of Kittery in 1712, ae. about 67 yrs. He d. at Little Compton, R. I. From him sprang a long line of Brackett families in the towns of Berwick and China.

Maj. Wm. Brackett m. 1st, Betty Walker, b. Kittery Point, Nov. 10, 1761, d. July 9, 1823, daughter of Geo. and Elizabeth (Snow) Walker, and sister to Wm. Walker, sen. Their children here at date of incorporation were Betty, b. 1786; Simeon, b. Aug. 10, 1792; Seth, b. Dec. 23, 1800; Thomas, b. June 9, 1808; Betsey, b. 1818, d. 1827; Miriam, b. 1794, m. about 1818 to George Babb. Thomas was married and had children. He worked at stone cutting. He cut the front doorsteps of Chas. H. Kidder's house, for Robinson Turner, Jr., in 1841. Tradition says there was a Polly Brackett who m. a Barber. The mother, Betty, d. July 9, 1823, in Peru.

Wm. Brackett, m. 2nd, June 23, 1825, Judith Smith, a sister to Henry Smith. She d. July 8, 1844. He was the father of Amos and Lewis Smith and others. This family lived in a log house on bank of Stony Brook in 1839 where the house of Alfred B. Walker now stands. They left town soon after. Children:—Amos Smith Brackett, b. May 1, 1826; Cynthia W., b. Jan. 19, 1828; Charlotte and Charles W., twins, b. Aug. 15, 1829; Syrena, b. June 4, 1832; Peter, b. Mar. 22, 1837; Charlotte, m. about 1818, Samuel L. Bailey, Peru. The writer is indebted to Wm. H. Walker late of Peru for a newspaper clipping containing the foregoing history of the ancestors of Maj. Brackett. The records were compiled by one Alpheus L. Brackett of Everett, Mass., who states that Anthony Brackett, "The selectman of Portsmouth, N. H., in 1640 was probably the ancestor of the Maine families of that name." The above children by 2nd wife, Amos, Charles and perhaps others, settled about Biddeford soon after the home was broken up in 1845. They were there when last known. Further account of Maj. Brackett on another page. His dau. Betty is first on record here in 1821. No further knowledge is obtained.

Simeon Brackett, b. 1792, d. Oct. 30, 1844, m. Aug. 4, 1822, Anna, b. Aug. 6, 1801, dau. of Benj. Fobes by 1st wife, a sister to Stephen Gammon. Children:—Hannah Pride Brackett, b. Jan. 26, 1822, m. Oct. 30, 1842, John H. Morse; Sybil Walker Brackett, b. Apr. 30, 1824. No account of marriage; Willard, b. Feb. 8, 1826, d. Dec. 1, 1852; Betsey, b. Nov. 18, 1827, had two sons, b. Dec. 31, 1849, Edgar Nutting and Edwin Nutting. No further knowledge; Charlotte B., b. Aug. 15, 1829, m. 1st, Edwin A. Lane.\* They had two daughters; Marilla, b. Jan. 5, 1861, and Lena, m. Fred Chase of Dixfield. Lane and wife parted. Charlotte m. 2nd, Harrison Harvey. They lived together a short time and each went their way.

Nancy Brackett, b. Aug. 2, 1831; Miriam Roberts, b. Apr. 3, 1833.

Alvarado H. Brackett, b. June 21, 1835. When nine years old his father died causing the family to leave their log cabin on the bank of Stony Brook and scatter abroad. This boy lived around in town a few years and when sixteen he worked on a farm at South Paris where writer saw him in fall of 1851. From there he drifted to seacoast and entered coasting service, the last known of him. Bethia Fobes, b. May 11, 1838.

Samuel Bailey Brackett, b. Apr. 18, 1841. He was the last child. His father died Oct., 1844, and his mother left their rude cabin and with this boy went to do house work for Robinson Turner sometime that fall. They continued there till next spring. Subsequently the boy lived with Barnard Marble in Dixfield where he was favored with common school advantages. Through Mr. Marble's influence and aid he pursued his studies from district to high school and fitted for teaching. He taught a term in his native district during the war with good success. He next fitted for the bar, was admitted and practiced at one time in the vicinity of Biddeford. It is said he was able in his profession. He m. Mary Frances Smith, daughter of Freeman Smith, late of Mexico. He was in the employ of the Bureau of Pensions twenty years in the eighties and nineties. He and his wife came on a visit to Dixfield, Mexico and vicinity in 1892. They came and returned on Wm. Fernald's stage coach near the close of its service. He then alluded to our playing together 45 years before. His home was in Biddeford where he d. around 1900. No issue. His widow is caring for her mother past four score years (1908) on the home farm in Mexico. Mr. Brackett was held in high esteem for his able and efficient service in the U. S. Pension Bureau. His field of labor was south.

Seth Brackett, b. 1800, m. Oct. 2, 1825, Nancy Starbird. Children:—Almira, b. July 27, 1826; Dwinal, b. Sept. 24, 1828, d. Sept. 24, 1897, m. 1st, Purse Eastman. Their child:—Herbert L.

Henry Willis, b. 1844, d. 1907, m. 1st, Mary, dau. of Calvin Hopkins of Peru. No issue. Married 2nd, Lucretia Doloff, Rumford. He and his mother yet surviving on their farm on the Weld road two miles from the village of Dixfield. Henry W. Brackett was a prosperous farmer, here working also at his trade of mason. He was b. in this town. His father and grandfather Seth, were b. in Peru. Children:—Kloss K.; Carrie, m. Bid Waite, son of Byron Waite, Canton Pt.; Nellie, d. ae. 20 yrs.; Irvin, d. ae. 5 yrs.

Dwinal, m. 2nd, Olive E. Thompson, dau. of John N., July 1, 1871. Their children:—Margie, b. Apr. 27, 1875, m. John Tupper, have one child; Ida M., b. May 1, 1879, m. Wm. O. Babb, have two children, Glindon O. and Raymond; Mary O., b. Nov. 29, 1882.

Leonard Valentine Brackett, the 3d child of Seth, b. Jan. 7, 1837, d. Mar., 1900, m. 1869, Eliza Ellen, dau. of Calvin Hopkins, b. Peru, Jan. 4, 1845. d. 1872, of consumption. No issue. He m. 2nd, Lucinda, dau. of Freeman Smith, Mexico. She d. 1877. No issue. This man followed the trade of mason and brick maker many years. He served the public well in his calling.

Thomas Brackett, brother of Seth, and family lived at the Brackett mansion in 1840. His wife's name was Emma, that is all we can learn of her. Their children:—Emily Maria, b. Apr. 9, 1837; Mary Ann, b. Mar. 4, 1839, and twin Angeline, who grew up and married a Hodsdon. Their son lives at Somerville, Mass. Thomas, Jr., b. Dec., 1840; Reliance, b. Sept. 17, 1842. In the fall of 1845 Thomas decided to remove with his family to Westbrook. His father was then about 93 yrs. old and feeble. He expressed a desire to remain at his old home through life and be laid beside his two wives on the knoll in the pasture. He was promised that he should be brought there when he died. With this assurance he finally consented to accompany the family. He was not buried there. His son Simeon and daughter Betsey were buried there. He came to Peru around 1802, was an important official in public affairs a score of years. He d. at Westbrook aged about 96 yrs.

### Babb Family

George Babb, b. 1794, m. 1818, Mariam, b. 1794, dau. of Maj. Wm. Brackett by 1st wife, Betty Walker. He d. Aug. 5, 1878, ae. 84 yrs., 1 m., 23 ds. Wife d. Mar. 16, 1854, ae. 60 yrs. The heads of this family came from Westbrook or vicinity and with the dau. named were here at date of incorporation. They lived on the farm next north of Wm. Walker, Jr., now the U. G. Lunt place. Their descendants are prominent, prosperous citizens now in town, though but a small portion bear the family name. Children:—Mary Ann, b. Oct., 1819; Maria, b. May 16, 1822, d. May, 1888; Seth, b. Mar. 29, 1824; Wm. b. Nov. 16, 1825, did not m., d. Oct. 3, 1856; Hezekiah W., b. Sept. 11, 1827; Ellen, b. Apr. 6, 1830, name changed to Ella W.; Louise, b. Oct. 17, 1834; George, Jr., b. Sept. 16, 1836, m., d. Mar., 1867, left a son 1 year old, is edu-

cated, named George Babb; Danville D., b. Jan. 2, 1840, d. Sept. 9, 1842.

Maria Babb, m. July 30, 1843, Ephraim Benson; Mary Ann Babb, m. Apr. 2, 1844, Elmore Knight.

Seth Babb, m. Dolly K. Peabody of Canton, dau. of Samuel Peabody and Susannah Reynolds, both b. Bridgewater, Mass. He d. April 20, 1901. Wife d. July 19, 1908, ae. 73 yrs., 7 mos., 23ds. Child:—Clinton Reuel, b. Nov. 18, 1854.

Leroy O. b., m. Bessie M. Purington of Livermore. They are prosperous farmers on the Albert Griffith farm, E. Peru. Their children:—Gladys M., Marguerite L.

Elda H., b. Jan. 1, 1875, m. Dec. 18, 1895, Chas. S. Luce, son of Henry H. and Christiana C. (Hall) Luce, b. Dixfield. She was the daughter of Christopher C., the oldest son of Erastus Hall. Children of Chas. Luce:—Fred, b. May 29, 1902; John Merton, b. Apr. 7, 1905.

Hezekiah Walker Babb, b. Sept. 11, 1827, d. Jan. 10, 1904, m. Nov. 11, 1849, Mary Ann, the dau. of Perkins and Polly (Pet-tengill) Turner, b. Dec. 11, 1830. Children:—Amos Alphonso, b. Nov. 2, 1855, m. July 6, 1884, Ellen, b. May, 1856, d. Jan. 25, 1905, the dau. of Melville H., b. Leeds and Phebe (Drake) Carver, b. Kingfield. Their dau., Esther L., b. Nov. 17, 1886, m. Oct. 25, 1902, Wm. B. Gillespie. Child:—Winnie Bell, b. Dec. 20, 1903. Ina Lillis Babb, b. Apr. 10, 1885, d. July 10, 1885; Marshall Howard, b. July 21, 1889, son of Amos A. Babb. Ella W. Babb, d. Apr. 5, 1873, m. Aug., 1869, Cyrus Knight, son of Samuel and Olive Knight. He was b. Dec. 29, 1826. They had a son b. Dec., 1871, adopted by George Child at Canton, a short time before the death of mother Apr. 3, 1873. Mr. Child named him George Child and brought him up to manhood. He m. around 1905, Josephine N., b. 1880, dau. of Henry H. and Christiana C. (Hall) Luce of Dixfield. They live at Canton Point. Farmers. He is a good industrious business man.

Louise Babb, m. Mar. 6, 1856, Daniel Reynolds, Canton. He d. May 5, 1872. Wife d. May 15, 1894. Their dau. Lizzie, b. 1858, d. when about 16 yrs. old.

Marshall H. Babb, m. May, 1909, Daisy M. Conant. Child, a daughter, b. Jan. 5, 1910.

### Benson Family

The names of Ichabod Benson and wife Abigail Smith are on the early records of Peru. He was b. Oct. 9, 1784, in Middle-

borough, Province of Canada, the son of Ichabod and Abigail Benson to whom there were b. 5 sons and 4 daughters, as follows: Stephen, b. 1777, the first child known. Both parents were of age this year, indicating it was the year of their marriage. Stephen d. 1852, ae. 75 yrs; Polly, b. July 12, 1779, d. Aug. 12, 1795; Clarisa, b. 1781, m. Capt. Wm. Sweet, b. around 1777, d. Feb. 1, 1850. They lived, raised up a family and died on a farm, one mile from Bretton's Mills, Livermore. Wife d. Dec. 25, 1848; Ichabod, Jr., the first named above, was next in the order of births; Waitstill, b. 1787, d. Nov. 1822; Abigail Clock, b. 1789, d. Jan. 28, 1846, the wife of Ezekiel Holmes of Winthrop, editor of the "Maine Farmer." He d. in 1865.

Joshua Benson, b. 1792, d. Boston Sept. 25, 1874. He is the only member of the Benson family known to writer who accumulated a considerable amount of wealth. His occupation was a house carpenter. He married and located on some outskirts of Boston, bought house lots and by his own labor erected cheap cottages that he rented to Irish tenants. He followed this mostly through life. By tireless energy and rigid economy he secured when 82 years old more property than all the rest of the Benson family. He had two wives and no issue of either to heir his property. His last wife survived him. She was Irish and in his decline of health and feebleness, she exercised such rigid economy over his diet that it alienated the affection that bound them as man and wife. He had neglected to make a will disposing of his property till this estrangement long existed and the end of life was near. It was at this opportune period that an agent of Bates College found him an easy victim and managed to scoop in his life earnings. However his wife from some cause became jealous that nothing would be left and got a lawyer to intercede in her behalf, whereby the testator was prevailed to sign a paper giving her the house they lived in. Agreeable to his will he was interred in Wm. Sweet's lot in the cemetery at Bretton's Mills, Livermore. A monument there bears the names and dates of death of his father's family. Ephraim, b. 1794; Seth, b. 1797. No further knowledge.

Family of Ichabod Benson, Jr.—He m. 1st, (date wanting) Betsey Goodwin. They were living May 15, 1808 at Lewiston, Me., when their first child named Betsey was born. Quite likely they m. there 1807.

Betsey grew to womanhood and though deprived of a mother when less than nine years old, she kept the path of rectitude.

When a young woman she was employed one fall in the family of George Walker doing housework and dressing apples. To show the contrast with wage earners of present day, she got fifty cents per week, pay out of the store (not a cent of money). Her school advantages must have been very limited, yet she was able in 1829 to teach the summer school in the first schoolhouse erected in town. She m. Feb. 8, 1830, Robinson Turner, Jr. The next of her father's family was John Goodwin, born it is said in town of Winslow, March 6, 1810. He m. Oct. 16, 1831, Dorcas Smith, b. 1814, dau. of Josiah and Comfort Smith and Comfort was a sister to Amos Knight. The next was Ephraim Benson, b. Winslow or Hartford, Feb. 17, 1813, m. Maria Babb; Amanda Melvira, b. in Hartford, May 23, 1815, m. Winslow Walker; Abigail, b. Hartford, Feb. 15, 1817. The day following, her mother departed this life. Judging the tree by its fruits, we believe the parent mother was a woman of some culture, gentle and sweet disposition, upright and possessed a Christian hope. Ichabod Benson was a member of the school committee in Peru, 1829, and moderator of March meeting 1830. He m. 2nd, Apr. 7, 1829, Abigail, dau. of Josiah Smith, the oldest sister of Dorcas, and settled on the Ridge road. His parcel of land is now a part of Wilson Oldham's farm. His occupation was house carpenter in prime of life. He built the Leonard Trask house near head of Worthly Pond where his grandson now lives. Benson's wood carving is in evidence on the Francis Waite house near Waite cemetery. Ichabod's intellectual ability exceeded that of his brother Joshua but the latter was more miserly. Both strove to be exemplary Christian men. The epitaph of each, cut in marble reads "Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord." Ichabod Benson d. June 3, 1859. His widow remarried April, 1863, Capt. Daniel Hall. She d. Apr. 16, 1882. No issue. She was a devoted wife, a good housekeeper, upright and commendable in all her deportment.

Goodwin Benson settled on a lot near his father. He did a little farming and more house building and coopering. His children by wife Dorcas were:—Amanda M., b. Apr. 30, 1833, did not marry, d. July 6, 1900 at Cambridge, Mass.; Chandler, b. Aug. 11, 1835, d. Apr. 6, 1837; Ephraim Chandler, b. Mar. 18, 1840, soldier in 10th and 29th Me. Regts.; Albert Stanley, b. Jan. 26, 1843, m. Nov. 7, 1872, Lizzie Underwood of Cambridge. Their children:—Ella G., b. Oct. 6, 1874; Arthur B., b. Aug. 23, 1876.

Ephraim Chandler Benson, m. Aug. 17, 1869, Esther Caverly, b. Sept. 7, 1845, dau. of Leonard W. Caverly of Charlestown, Mass. No issue. Mr. Benson is real estate broker, 3096 Washington St., Boston, Mass. See 2nd marriage and death of Goodwin Benson on another page. He was a generous, upright devoted Christian.

Abigail Benson, dau. of Ichabod, m. Feb. 28, 1847, Charles Coffin, b. in Shapleigh, Me. They settled on a back hill farm in the vicinity of Park's scythe factory located on Newton brook in Dixfield. The farm purchase of about seven hundred dollars was paid for mostly, as the years rolled on, by the good house wife making butter from two or three cows. Their children:—Edmond the oldest; Winslow Walker, m. at Somerville, Mass., real estate broker. His dau., Fanny Ethel, m. Mar. 18, 1901, Wm. F. Plummer. John P. Hale d. at Mapleton, Aroostook county, age around 17 yrs. The only daughter d. there aged about 12 yrs. Mr. Coffin was a professor of religion of Free Baptist faith, a kind indulgent parent.

Around the middle fifties the head of this family sold his place and removed with his family to Mapleton, Aroostook county, purchased land and made a home. He lived and died there, around 1886. His son Edmond m. at Mapleton and succeeded him on the farm. His wife Abigail was at Peru with her sister, Mrs. Winslow Walker, when she d. Feb., 1887. At her request she sleeps beside her father at his right, in the Jackson cemetery. The lack of a marker at her grave renders this notice expedient. She was an amiable Christian woman, highly respected by all.

The marriage tie between John G. and Dorcas Benson was well kept and life ran smoothly with them for nearly thirty years. The children had grown up and were away providing for themselves when the chastity of the marriage vow was broken. The seducer was a married man having a wife then living, the mother of ten children by him. It caused a separation of Benson from his wife. He m. 2nd, Elmira Atkins in 1861, the dau. of Nathaniel and Olivia (Walton) Atkins. They lived together happily the remainder of his life, about fifteen years. The last ten years or about they resided at East Livermore where he was in charge of Hilman's Ferry. He d. Apr. 27, 1876. His widow remarried Ephraim Russell formerly of Hartford. Their union lasted five to six years and he died. She survived him, having a home in the house of her sister Mrs. Robert Lunt several years, till her death July 6, 1898, ac. 80 yrs., 4 mos. She rests beside John G. Benson

in Canton cemetery located in what was Putnam Atkins' neighborhood. Wife Dorcas Benson d. in Peru July 17, 1815, and occupies a lone grave in Waite cemetery, ae. 64. Her son Ephraim assumed the expenses of her last sickness and burial. Like the woman at the well in Samaria, she went her way and sinned no more. Who shall say that the pardon was not the same?

Family of Ephraim and Maria (Babb) Benson, m. July 30, 1843. He tended the gristmill of Robinson Turner in 1845 during owner's trip to England. He lived in the Wragg house across the stream. He suffered severely from rheumatism the last half of life that shortened a leg and an arm and led to heart trouble. He lived by farming mostly; the last farm he occupied was the Jeremiah Hall place. He was at work out in the field alone the afternoon of Sept. 7, 1863, and failing to return at the usual hour, he was found without life, serenely at rest. He had a Christian hope. His was an upright and highly esteemed family. Children:—Mary A., b. June 29, 1844. She taught school the summer term of district No. 2 in 1862, 14 pupils, wages \$1.25 per week and board, m. Pub. June 22, 1863, Samuel Scribner in Lewiston and d. at her home the next year of Bright's disease; George Henry, b. Mar. 28, 1847; Edgar E., b. June 22, 1848, is a merchant tailor associated a term of years with Allen & Co., dealers in clothing, 204 Middle St., Portland, Me. Mr. Benson and wife Nellie have a son Charles, a graduate of Bates College, under a free scholarship by reason of the heavy endowment by Joshua Benson of Boston, his great-great uncle. He graduated at a noted medical school in New York. He is a practicing physician, eminent in his profession, located at Haverhill, Mass. He is married, has one child; Charles Wallace Benson, b. May 2, 1853. He was attending school, preparing to enter Bates College, was taken sick and after a short period died at his mother's home in Lewiston; Wm. D., b. Aug. 28, 1855, d. ae. 2 yrs., 2 mos. in Peru; Howard Chandler, b. Sept. 12, 1860.

Widow Maria d. in Lewiston, May 1888. Interred in old Knight cemetery.

George Henry is married and living in Massachusetts.

### Burgess Family

The members of this family in Peru, Wayne and all through New England are lineal descendants of Thomas Burgess of England who emigrated to America around 1630 when with a young family he arrived at Salem, Mass. A section of land was granted

him July 3, 1637 in Duxbury. He removed to Sandwich the same year and there settled permanently and became a large land holder. He served the town in every office from road surveyor to deputy to the court at Plymouth for several years. He was a charter member in a church institute there in 1638. He d. Feb. 13, 1685, ae. 82 yrs. His wife Dorothy d. Feb. 27, 1687. His grave was honored by a monumental slab imported from England. This was the only monument set up for any pilgrim of the first generation.

Second generation. His children were Thomas, Jr., John, Elizabeth, Jacob and Joseph. Jacob, 3d son, helped to repair the meetinghouse, 1644, and was early a member of the church. He inherited in behalf of his son Thomas the paternal estate in Sandwich. He m. June 1, 1670, Mary who d. June 23, 1706, the dau. of Benjamin Nye. He d. Mar. 17, 1719. Children 6. Third generation. Jacob Burgess, Jr., 3d son of Jacob and Mary Nye, b. Sandwich, Mass., Oct. 18, 1676, m. Apr. 27, 1704, Mary Hunt of Duxbury, Mass. He d. 1769. Children 6. Fourth generation. Samuel the 5th child b. Sandwich, Nov. 2, 1711, m. Sept. 5, 1741, Mercy Benson of Rochester and removed to Wayne, Me., where he d. at advanced age. Children 9.

Fifth generation. Thomas the 1st and Samuel, Jr., 2nd children of Samuel and Mercy Benson were soldiers of Revolution. Seth, the 5th son b. 1761, Sandwich, Mass., and Benj., the 3d b. Mar. 17, 1751, came to Wayne, 1794. Benj. m. Oct. 24, 1773, Fear Wing. He lived and d. in Wayne in 1852, aged 101 yrs., 9 mos. His children number 11.

Seth above mentioned m. around 1783, Mercy Hammon. He was a signer of the petition for the incorporation of Wayne in 1797. Soon after that date he moved to Livermore where he died 1815. Sixth generation. The 6 children of the above Seth and Mercy Hammon were Samuel, b. July 6, 1785, Seth, Jr., b. June 25, 1787, Mary or Polly, b. June, 1789, m. Chas. Austin, father of John, sen., d. Mar. 23, 1853. Ebenezer, b. Sept. 5, 1793. Luther b., d. young. Obed, b. Oct. 1, 1799.

Samuel settled in Peru. He m. 1st, Hannah Hammon, b. 1785, d. Sept. 2, 1843, a sister to Paul, around 1805-6. Their children: Elijah E., b. May 17, 1807; Sarah, b. Aug. 1811, m. Gardner Lovejoy, his 1st wife, Sept., 1837; Maria B., b. Oct. 3, 1813, m. Oct. 6, 1829, John Austin; Harriet, b. Aug. 18, 1818, m. July 23, 1836, Chas. Frost. Samuel, Jr., b. July 18, 1821, d. Oct. 2, 1894, m. Apr. 28, 1845, Sarah E. Luke of Madrid, b. Apr. 5, 1823. Elijah E. m. Apr. 16, 1827, Wealtha Jones. Samuel, sen., the parent m.

2nd, Lydia Lovejoy a sister to Benj. Lovejoy. He d. Jan. 26, 1867, ae. 81 yrs., 6 mos., a happy devoted Christian.

Offspring of Samuel Burgess, Jr. Susan Frances, b. Oct. 8, 1845, m. John Austin, Jr.; Augusta Ann, b. July 8, 1849, m. Geo. W. T. Austin; Albion Stitson, b. May 27, 1854, m. about 1874, Rose A., b. June 11, 1858, d. Jan. 22, 1907, dau. of Tillotson P. and Clarinda (Lovejoy) Wing. Their children:—Ismael L., b. 1875; Leon E., b. 1878, d. Feb. 2, 1907; Lesnal C., b. 1894. This man is a miller and grain dealer at Rumford Falls.

Sarah E. (Luke) Burgess, widow of Samuel Burgess, Jr., died at her son Albion's, Rumford Falls, Oct. 25, 1909, ae. 86 yrs.

Elijah E., son of Sam'l and Hannah (Hammon) Burgess, b. May 17, 1807, d. around 1872, m. 1st Apr. 16, 1827. Wealtha Jones, who d. Mar. 1, 1854, ae. 44 yrs, 8 mos. Children:—Evaline, b. Mar. 8, 1828, d. around 1898 in Iowa, m. Pub. July 15, 1846, Reuben Walton (widowed) of Mexico. Had son Elijah married in Iowa.

Parent Elijah m. 2nd, Mary Elizabeth Eustis, a sister to John M. Eustis, Dixfield. Cyrus F. Burgess, b. Mar. 30, 1830, m. June 23, 1850, Dorcas b. June 24, 1824, dau. of Seth and Virtue (Decker) Burgess. Their children:—Emma, b. Jan. 13, 1851, d. young; Laura A., b. Dec. 13, 1853, m. Edwin Austin. He died. She m. 2nd, Frank Morse living in Dixfield, employed at spool mill; Eva, b. Mar. 25, 1858, d. young; Emma d. ae. 10 yrs; Lewis, b. Feb. 22, 1860, m. Carrie E. Burgess, dau. of Alden F. Their children:—Myrtie B. m. Oscar T. Woodbury; Leon F. m. Jan. 4, 1908, Grace M. Pratt; Florence S.; Archer A.; Flora M. ae. 17 m. Mar. 9, 1907, Arthur L. Gordon ae. 23, son of Henry S. Gordon, Mt. Vernon.

Cyrus F. (divorced) m. 2nd, Mar. 18, 1868, Sophila A., dau. of Luther B. Burgess of Temple. She d. May 18, 1892, ae. 58 yrs., 3 mos. Their children:—Albert A., b. Oct. 27, 1871, m. Nov. 3, 1907, Ina M. Fish, dau. of Geo. Fish of Dixfield; Ferdinand F., b. Jan. 30, 1882, m. Nov., 1900, Clara F. Whittier, dau. of Wesley and Jennie Whittier, the dau. of Luther Burgess. Child b. Nov. 3, 1906, Christina R. Burgess.

This family is living with their father Cyrus F. Burgess on the home farm, keeping up his home hospitality as age and infirmity comes creeping on. Writer found him past 78 yrs. in the wood lot swinging the axe to fill an order for a car of lumber.

Alden F. Burgess, son of Elijah and Welthea Jones, b. July 3, 1834, d. Mar. 2, 1893, from injury to collar bone sustained while

tending a hand windlass at quarry; m. Pub. May 6, 1858, Sophia A., b. Wilton, dau. Nemiah and Sophia (Harding) Hunt, d. Oct. 2, 1902, ae. 64 yrs, 4 mos. Child:—Elmer F., m. Jan. 30, 1887, Carrie M. Knight of Dixfield.

Their children:—Ora b. about 1891, a fine musician; Ruth b. 1894. Mr. Burgess is a professional embalmer and sexton nicely located at Rockport, Mass., and popular in his profession. His sister Carrie E. b., m. Lewis Burgess. They did live at West Peru village.

Loring W., brother of Alden, b. Jan. 13, 1838, m. Jan. 18, 1861, Ann S. Burgess. Their dau., W. Ella, b. Aug. 24, 1862. Live in New Hampshire.

Of the early settlers in Peru the Burgess family was well represented by four brothers, Seth, Jr., Samuel, Obed and Ebenezer and their sister Mary or Polly who m. Charles Austin, father of John, Sen. Seth Burgess, Jr., b. in Wayne June 25, 1789, d. at son Thomas' in Peru Jan. 25, 1871, m. Nov. 29, 1806, Virtue Decker, b. Wayne, Sept. 20, 1789, d. June 4, 1858. Their residence is given on another page. Children:—Eliza Ann, b. June 5, 1807, m. Amos Bishop; Martha, b. Oct. 20, 1808; John, b. Sept. 12, 1810, d. June 11, 1891, ae. 80 yrs., 9 mos., 20 ds., m. Pub. Feb. 7, 1834, Savila Ann, b. Wayne, dau. of Jesse Bishop, d. June 20, 1888, ae. 74 yrs., 4 mos., 20 ds.; Hannah, b. Aug. 4, 1812, m. Pub. Jan. 23, 1839, George Canwell, Wayne; Luther, b. Sept. 21, 1814, d. 1883, m. Lucy Decker who is living in Jay aged 90 years, with her daughter Lizzie; Loamy, b. Aug. 23, 1816, d. July 11, 1862, m. around 1840, Gardner Lovejoy, 2nd wife; twins, Anna and William, b. June 24, 1818, Anna m. Aug. 7, 1845, Goin Dorr Franklin, brother of David; William, m. Celia Stevens, Curtis Corner, Leeds; Betsey, b. Aug. 19, 1820, m. Dec. 31, 1840, Christopher F. Lovejoy, brother of Gardner Lovejoy; Melinda, b. Oct. 25, 1822, m. 1st, Aug. 8, 1841, Zebulon Harlow, 2nd, Frank Wing; Dorcas, b. June 24, 1824, d. Sept. 11, 1904 m. 1st, June 23, 1850, Cyrus F. Burgess, divorced, m. 2nd Samuel York, divorced, m. 3d, Oct. 18, 1873, Joel W. White, his 2nd wife.

The first settler in Plantation No. 1 north of Wm. Walker, Jr., was Seth Burgess, Jr., and family. The location was on the farm where Rollins Hammon lived when his buildings were burned. It is between the farm of Chas. J. Tracy and the Bishop cemetery on the north side of the highway. The log house was located on the rise of land up from the road as shown by a clump of apple

From High Street down Ridge Road. Union Schoolhouse, Lunt and Burgess farms, West Peru in background.





trees and the relics of the old cellar. It is related by a daughter of this family, that before the forest was cleared her mother knit stockings for the children by moonlight out in the door yard. While the needles swiftly plied, the ear was regaled by songs of wolf and bear. There was a call to replenish the larder from many mouths and necessity impelled the fond, patient mother to journey on foot two miles or more at early dawn, toil hard at house cleaning all day for one peck of potatoes and carry them home at night to feed the family. This woman had fourteen children who lived to grow up and their posterity are numerous in town today. Mr. Burgess and wife came on foot from Wayne following the Indian trail by spotted trees much of the way and bringing wheat on his back to sow, a distance of thirty miles or more.

Children of Seth Burgess, Jr.:—Thomas Burgess, b. Aug. 18, 1825, d. Dec. 27, 1892, by tree falling on him, m. around 1851, Elizabeth Maccoboy; Walter B., b. Nov. 6, 1833, m. Pub. Nov. 4, 1858, Mary J. Richardson, Rumford; Lydia J., b. Apr. 3, 1837, d. Aug. 4, 1905, m. Aug. 2, 1857, Daniel Waterman Knight.

Seth Burgess was a hard working, sober, industrious man of medium stature, quiet and easy disposition and deprived of school advantages in youth. He was a professor of religion and lived an upright life.

We are unable to trace the two oldest children of this family further than the marriage of the first.

Their son John and wife lived and died on the farm where his son Henry Roscoe lives on ridge road. Their children:—Demus Bishop Burgess, b. May 11, 1835, d. Aug. 1, 1881, m. Feb. 6, 1859, Ora Ann Small, Rumford. She d. Oct. 17, 1908, ae 67 yrs.; Deborah Hathaway, b. Nov. 6, 1836, m. May 5, 1858, Chas. H. Lovejoy, Peru, now Canton. Their daughter Allura B., b. Feb. 12, 1859; Cloe Jane, b. May 19, 1832, d. Jan. 1, 1901, m. May 8, 1859, Josiah Frost; Benjamin L., b. May 21, 1844, d. Jan. 27, 1911, m. Oct. 26, 1867, Harriet R. Frost, dau. of Chas. Frost; Henry R., b. Sept. 12, 1847, m. 1880 Emma S., b. 1863, dau. of Sam'l Lovejoy; Harriet Eliza, b. Aug. 5, 1851, m. June 4, 1872, Adelbert Bartlett, divorced. Residence, Woburn, Mass.

Betsey Burgess, dau. of Seth and Virtue Decker, m. Jan. 1, 1840, Christopher F. Lovejoy, brother of Gardner. Children:—Leucetia, b. Nov. 22, 1840, m. Mar., 1862, James Davis; Alvan B., b. May 27, 1842; Lyman B., b. Oct. 27, 1844; Harriet M., b.

June 18, 1846; Caroline, b. Sept. 18, 1848; Mary J., b. June 4, 1852; Lucian M., b. Oct. 17, 1854, Ida, b. Aug. 9, 1856, d. Sept. 19, 1863; Orodon, b. July 6, 1858; Twins, Georgiana, b. May 27, 1861, and Amalcus, b. same date.

Children of Demus B., son of John and Ora A. Burgess:—Lillian J., m. 1st, Aug. 27, 1887, Adelbert A. Knowles, m. 2nd, a Mr. Severy in Dixfield; Clara Burgess, b. Nov. 12, 1860; Edmund P., b. Dec. 23, 1862, unmarried; Geo. Leroy, b. April 5, 1865, m. Dec. 5, 1886, Georgia I. Farrar of Woodstock; Naaman B., b. June 29, 1873, m. 1st, Luella Dunham of Sumner. Had girl living, divorced. He m. 2nd Mar. 21, 1906, Agnes M. Hezelton of Sumner. Son Walter E., farmer, residence Hartford; John b., m. Nov. 2, 1888, Mary J. Robinson, Andover. Children:—Clyde C.; Archie J., b. April 5, 1892, d. Dec. 20, 1908.

Residence the old Wm. Piper farm. Children of Benj. L. Burgess, son of John and wife Harriett R. (Frost):—Llewellyn R., b. May 18, 1868; Horace R., b. Jan. 11, 1870; Benj. F., b. Oct. 21, 1881.

Children of Henry R. Burgess and wife Emma S. (Lovejoy): Alton L., b. June 19, 1883, m. 1906, Olive B. Gammon of Auburn. Child, Henry R., b. Apr. 6, 1907; Lena M., b. Nov. 30, 1887. Parent Henry R. Burgess d. June 7, 1910 of cerebral apoplexy.

The offspring of Luther and Lucy (Decker) Burgess, Temple: Children, 7:—1, William F., b. Apr. 4, 1840, m. Ruth C. Swain of Avon. Their children:—Luther A., b. Oct. 20, 1880, m. Dec. 31, 1903, Susie Simpson, b. Sept. 19, 1876. Live in Monmouth; Tena M., m. Walter Welch in Rumford Falls; Etta, m. Chas. Chandler in Monmouth; 2, Sophila A., b. Temple, d. May 18, 1892, m. Mar. 18, 1868, Cyrus F. Burgess, his 2nd wife. Child: Albert A., b. Oct. 27, 1871; 3, Mary, m. Abraham Swain; 4, Augusta L., m. May 18, 1878, Daniel D. Delano, d. Jan. 17, 1879; 5, Laura, b. m. Aug. 26, 1879, the said Delano; 6, Jennie, b. m. John W. Whittier, he d. June, 1902; 7, Lizzie, m. Alfred Shaw.

Children of Jennie (Burgess) Whittier, 3:—1, Cyrus Whittier in Peru; 2, Clara A., m. Nov. 30, 1904, Ferdinand F., son of Cyrus Burgess by 2nd wife. Child:—Christina R., b. Nov. 3, 1906; 3, Tina Whittier.

Child of Luther A. and Susie A. Burgess, Bernice Almira, b. Oct. 29, 1905. Res. Monmouth.

Children of Chas. R. and Etta A. Chandler:—Ethel M., b. Jan. 24, 1893. Monmouth. A graduate of high school. Eliza A., b. Feb. 3, 1896.

Offspring of Thomas and Elizabeth (Maccoboy) Burgess, 6:—1, L. Jane., b. May 25, 1852, d. in infancy; 2, James T., b. May 25, 1852, d. Sept. 21, 1852; 3, Henry T., b. Jan. 26, 1856, m. Lizzie Odell, b. Jan. 1, 1857, dau. True W. Thurston. Their children:—Henry H., Merl F., Mark N., Nellie M. Family live at Rumford Center. 4, Effie M., b. May 12, 1864, m. Jan. 1, 1888, Lewis Dunn, son of Valmore. Their child, Florence E., b. Mar. 31, 1892, d. Sept. 22, 1892; 5, Lizzie M., twin sister to James T., d. Sept. 24, 1853; 6, Anna M., b. May 6, 1853, d. May 2, 1859.

The head of this family was the second victim of accidental death on his farm. He was in his woods alone falling a tree that stood quite near a second trunk. He was standing between the trunks when the last stroke of the axe caused the tree to press him against the other trunk and hold him there and when found life was extinct. An account of the event was given in the newspaper at the time. It represented him to be a highly esteemed Christian, a devoted husband, a kind indulgent parent, and one of the best of neighbors, obliging, liberal and generous to the poor, affable; he imparted good cheer to all he met.

Elbridge G. Hall of Rumford lived on this farm in early forties. He was lifting a boulder from ground using a long lever when something gave way, causing end of lever in air to strike against neck of Mr. Hall, producing death.

#### Marriages

Nellie M. Thurston Burgess, dau. of Henry T. Burgess, m. Sept. 15, 1909, Philip Lowell Pottle of Glens Falls, N. Y. He was educated in Lewiston public schools and graduated from Bowdoin, 1909. He is the son of Geo. Pottle of the Board of State Assessors. Mrs. Pottle was a graduate of Rumford High School. Mr. Pottle is superintendent of the International Paper Mills at Glens Falls, their future home. The wedding was at bride's parents, Rumford Center, Me. Mr. Burgess has been postmaster also in trade here many years. He is one of Peru's sons, a man of high standing. Mrs. Burgess is also one of Peru's noble women. This family came of pioneer stock, honest and true. They both do honor to their progenitors.

Obed Burgess, bro. to Ebenezer, b. Oct. 1, 1799, m. Dec. 1, 1819, Melinda Walton, Mexico. This family were in town and had one child at date of incorporation, 1821. Children:—Melinta, b. Jan. 16, 1821; Farewell Walton Burgess, b. Jan. 16, 1823;

Bowers W., b. Mar. 30, 1825; Charles A., b. June 5, 1828, d. Apr. 15, 1852; Lucy, b. Oct. 29, 1830; Sibyl, b. Jan. 28, 1833, d. July 12, 1852; Deborah, b. Jan. 12, 1836, d. Aug. 6, 1840; Rosamond, b. Sept. 8, 1839; Peter Morrill, b. Nov. 27, 1841, d. 1842; Mary A., b. Sept. 11, 1844.

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Farewell W. Burgess, m. Rose Bunker. Children:—Willard S., b. Dec. 19, 1853; John, b. Apr. 6, 1855; Mellen, b. Mar. 2, 1857; Albert, b. May 5, 1859.

Bowers W., b. Mar. 30, 1825, m. Aug. 26, 1855, Elizabeth J. Brown. Children:—Cora M., b. Nov. 15, 1857; Flora M., b. Aug. 13, 1860.

Lucy Burgess, b. Oct. 29, 1830, m. VanRanslier Eastman, Mexico, Feb. 20, 1850. Their son, Aldana, b. in Mexico, m. Dec., 1879, Alice F., the dau. of Alpheus Burgess. Children of Lucy and VanRanslier Eastman:—Albert, b. Mar. 22, 1851; Chas., b. May 6, 1853; Willard, b. Sept. 20, 1855; Anthony, b. Feb. 23, 1857; Augusta, b. Mar. 12, 1859; Oscar, b. Aug. 30, 1861; Edgar, b. May 27, 1863.

Ebenezer Burgess, b. Wayne, Sept. 5, 1798, d. 1864, m. Jan. 4, 1817, Celia Atkins, b. Wayne, 1791, d. 1878. Removed to Hartford. Children:—Harrison N., b. May 2, 1818, in Dixfield, d. Jan. 8, 1901, in Peru, m. June 26, 1837, Abigail Austin, dau. of Chas. and Polly (Burgess); Alpheus, b. Nov. 7, 1819, d. Apr. 17, 1890, m. Nov. 22, 1842, Melinda Austin, dau. of Chas. and Polly; William A., b. Aug. 24, 1822, d. 1901, m. Nancy Foy probably 1845, she d. 1848-1849; Achsah, b. Jan. 15, 1825, d. 1880 in Hartford, m. Apr. 30, 1846, Elisha Burgess. It is believed he was a native of Hartford; Sarah W., b. July 1, 1826, m. May 28, 1845, Andrew Russell of Hartford; James H., b. Feb. 5, 1829, d. July 3, 1896, unmarried, in Peru; Mary A., b. May 15, 1831, d. May 2, 1859; Julia Ann, b. Oct. 8, 1833; Eliza Jane b. Oct. 7, 1836, d. 1865, m. June, 1861, John C. Moody, Peru, son of Ashby and Polly Moody. This family came from Auburn about 1848 and lived on the road from Ripley's mill by the schoolhouse to North Hartford. His farm joined that of Ephraim G. Packard. There were five or six set of farm buildings here, now only the Irving Dean place remains, now occupied by John E. Russell. The son of John C. and Eliza J. (Burgess) Moody was Edwin A., b. July, 18, 1862.

Children of Harrison and Abigail (Austin) Burgess:—Darius A., b. Oct. 15, 1838, d. Dec. 6, 1841; Elias R., b. Sept. 29, 1840,

d. Aug. 9, 1841; Mary J., b. Dec. 23, 1842, d. Feb. 12, 1906, m. Pub. Jan. 20, 1867, Sylvester Frost; Darius A., b. Nov. 9, 1844, m. Dec., 1863, Eveline Mathews, dau. of Winthrop Mathews; Elias, b. Mar. 27, 1847, enlisted Co. A, 9th Me. Regt., d. Aug. 4, 1865; Julia Abigail, b. July 7, 1849, m. Chas. Henry Bishop, son of Cyrus; Wm. Harrison, b. Sept. 12, 1851; W. M. A. Burgess d. Nov. 15, 1881, ae. 30 yrs.; Lenora, b. Oct. 15, 1852; Benj. H., b. Feb. 21, 1855, m. July 3, 1877, Celia L. Bishop, Jay, dau. of Cyrus Bishop; Ellen K., b. July 21, 1856; Otis W., b. Apr. 7, 1856, m. Oct. 19, 1876, Emily Farrington, Mexico, b. June 7, 1857. Children:—Ora L., b. Mar. 23, 1881, d. Feb. 14, 1901; Merwin d. June 14, 1908, ae. 13 yrs. Julius Elery Burgess, son of Darius A. and Eveline (Mathews) Burgess, b. Aug. 30, 1866, m. Susie Horn, N. H. He was killed on railway at Danville Junction 1905.

Children of Alpheus and Melinda (Austin) Burgess:—Francis R., b. Sept. 12, 1843, d. Sept. 1, 1890, m. Nov. 26, 1875, Alice M. Duplenty of Brockport, N. Y., d. Aug. 1, 1896, ae. 48 yrs. Their son Clifford Burgess drowned July 9, 1897, ae. 17 yrs, 10 mos. Francis R. was a soldier Co. A, 9th Me., enrolled Jan. 24, 1865. He contracted disability and was pensioned Mar. 30, 1886, d. of army disability and his widow pensioned Mar. 17, 1891.

Sarah R., b. Mar. 4, 1846, d. Aug. 24, 1890, m. about 1868, Daniel F. Haines, m. 2nd, Pub. widow Dec. 11, 1882, Geo. H. Davis (divorced). Their son James G., b. Nov. 28, 1887.

Maria Ann, b. Aug. 27, 1848, m. Mont Babb, Mexico; Polly Augusta, b. Oct. 29, 1850, m. Alec Day, Bryant Pond; Melisse Gone, b. Mar. 11, 1853, h. Pub. Mar. 12, 1870, John A. Putnam; Alice F., b. Oct. 25, 1862, m. Dec., 1879, Aldana Eastman, Mexico, who d. Feb. 25, 1903, Peru; Isabel F., b. Dec. 2, 1855, m. John Leavitt, Rumford; Ebenezer, b. Mar. 11, 1858; Sophie A., b. Mar. 11, 1860, d. Dixfield; Geo. L., m. Dec. 5, 1886, Georgia I. Farrar, Woodstock; Chas. LaForest, b. Feb. 1, 1865, m. 1901-2, Ann Holmes, E. Machias, after 5 yrs. divorced; Herbert H., b. June 20, 1867, m. Apr. 9, 1891, Edith M. Smith of Woodstock. Wife parted. He m. 2nd, Mar. 7, 1908, Josie B. Baxter, a widow.

#### Other Grandchildren of Alpheus Burgess

Children of Alice F. and Aldana Eastman, m. Dec., 1879, Lucy M., b. Dec. 1880, m. July 27, 1901, Arthur H., son of Henry F. Floyd; Charles R., b. Nov. 27, 1883; Victor A., b. Nov., 1885.

Children of Lucy M., and Arthur H. Floyd:—Walter L., b. Sept. 8, 1901; Arthur L., b. Jan. 8, 1903; Arlene M., b. Dec. 19, 1904; a son b. Jan. 1, 1910.

Children, 2, of Wm. A. and Nancy (Foy) Burgess of N. H. She d. in Massachusetts 1848-9. 1, Romanzo M., b. Boston Aug. 19, 1846, m. Nov. 27, 1869, Alma Jackson, b. Jan 23, 1852, dau. of Seth W. and Elnora Jackson. Wife d. Feb. 20, 1886. Child, Maurice W. Burgess; 2, Herbert H., b. May 10, 1848, enlisted in Civil War, went to Augusta, sick there in camp, discharged, d. around 1865. Wm. A. Burgess m. 2nd, Sarah C. Zwick, b. 1831, d. Aug., 1908. Their children, 3:—Ida J., b. May 27, 1857, m. James L. Demeritt; Etta A., b. Mar. 3, 1860, m. May 27, 1883, Barlow Stevens Austin. Their son Wm. G. b.; Ada M. b. Aug. 5, 1864, m. Joseph A. Arnold, 2nd wife. No issue.

Maurice W. Burgess, son of Romanzo, m. 1st, Stella Farrar, dau. of Almon and Henrietta Farrar. Wife d. May 13, 1907. Maurice m. 2nd, May 3, 1908, Edith Althea Davis of North Anson. "School teacher." Services at Eddie S. Demeritt's, West Peru. Residence Smithville, Rumford.

Romanzo M. Burgess, m. 2nd, July 1, 1889, Rose E. Bartlett of Mechanic Falls, dau. of Frank and Mira Bartlett. Their children:—Iva M., b. May 2, 1890; Mira F., b. June 2, 1893; Frank R., b. Feb. 13, 1895; H. Foye, b. Dec. 19, 1897. The family and children of Wm. A. Burgess rank with our best citizens in Peru. Actuated by high ideals, enterprising and gracious, like all good people, their worth is beyond measure. Mr. Burgess resided a few years at West Peru. He has a fine residence at Goff Hill, Auburn, Me. He is doing a thriving business as barber on Main St., Lewiston.

Children of Sarah W. Burgess, dau. of Ebenezer and Celia Atkins of Hartford, who m. in 1844, Andrew Russell:—Celia, b. June 9, 1846; Wm. B. b. Feb. 5, 1849; Emma B., b. May 15, 1851; Wallace A., b. July 8, 1856; Ida J., b. May 27, 1857; Etta A., b. March 3, 1860.

## Bishop Family

We quote from the history of Wayne. The first Bishop in this country of which we have knowledge is Edward who was living in Salem as early as 1639. He was a church member 1645, a constable in 1660 and d. Jan., 1695. Children:—Edward, Jr., m. Hannah ——— and they lived in Beverly, afterwards in Salem where he died in 1705. It was his second wife Bridget who fell a victim to the witchcraft delusion and was hung in Salem, 1692.

Edward, Jr., b. 1648, m. Sarah Wildes. Both were imprisoned and suffered many hardships during that reign of terror in 1692. He moved to Rehoboth, Mass., in 1703, where he died May 12, 1711. In his will he speaks of Jonathan, his 4th son, b. 1686, m. Abigail Avery. Will was probated Apr. 7, 1752. Gould, son of Jonathan, b. Rehoboth, Mass., Mar. 28, 1712, m. Mary ———, Mar. 15, 1732 or 3. Squire (the 2nd settler in Winthrop 1766) b. Rehoboth, Nov. 4, 1733 and Zadock, b. there Apr. 24, 1749, were children of Gould and Mary. Squire m. Patience Titus. He d. Sept. 6, 1801, wife d. Apr. 21, 1802. Zadock m. Mary Rawson Feb. 28, 1770. They had children b. Rehoboth, Jonathan and Joseph. At Swansea, Mass., children b. Welcome, Jesse, Zadock, James, Mary and Lydia. Squire was living at North Monmouth 1781 or 2 and was flowed out.

In 1783 he moved to Bishop Hill in Leeds. Jesse, son of Zadock, b. Nov. 11, 1776, m. Patience Titus, b. June 12, 1782. They moved to Wayne from Monmouth in 1804 or 5, settled on the farm of Samuel W. Bishop the son of Jesse, who d. in Wayne June 23, 1864, ae. 87. His wife Patience d. Wayne, Mar. 3, 1863, ae. 81. Both were prominent members of the M. E. Church, Wayne. Patience being talented in exhortation. The children of Jesse were Demas, b. Apr. 7, 1801; Mary H., b. Mar. 27, 1802; Squire, b. Apr. 10, 1806; Jesse, b. Apr. 29, 1808; Naaman, b. Jan. 1, 1811; Savilla Ann, b. Jan. 1, 1811; Jonathan G., b. Feb. 29, 1816, and Samuel T., b. May 18, 1821. Marriages, Demas m. Isabelle Farnam Feb., 1823; Mary H. m. Benj. Lovejoy, Peru, Dec., 1827; Squire m. Hannah Morey, Nov., 1827, lived in Peru in the forties, thence in Wayne the remainder of life; Jesse m. Lucy Maxim, June, 1834, he lived and died in Wayne; Naaman m. Mary Ridlon, Aug., 1832, he lived and died in Leeds; Savilla Ann m. John Burgess, Peru, Jan., 1834; Jonathan G. m. Margaret W. Clark, July 4, 1846, d. in Sangerville; Samuel T. m. Julia True, May, 1845, lived and died in Wayne.

Squire Bishop, a brother of Demas, m. Pub. Hannah Morey of Wayne, Nov. 20, 1827. Their children:—Eliza M., b. Apr. 26, 1828, m. 1st, Nov. 24, 1850, Robert Gowell, Sumner, a Pvt. Co. D, 12th Me., d. on ship, buried at sea 1862, U. S. marker in Bishop cemetery. Widow m. 2nd, Granville Tracy, lived at Oxford, Me.; Charles Morris, b. Jan. 18, 1830, went to Missouri, thence to Nebraska, was a soldier in War of Rebellion; Patience T., b. Jan. 25, 1832, m. 1st, Rollins Hammon, Jan. 1, 1852. Children:—Chas. Horace, b. Nov. 26, 1852; Josiah Eldon, b. July 23, 1854,

d. Sept. 21, 1862; Ellen, b. Feb. 12, 1861, d. young. Wife Patience T. divorced, m. 2nd, Squire B. Hammon, brother of Rollins and son of Paul; Mercy Morey Bishop, b. June 7, 1834, m. as 1st wife of Osgood Graves, Wayne; William Morey Bishop, b. Jan. 29, 1836, d. in army, 1861-5; Abiah Ellen, b. Dec. 29, 1838, m. Osgood Graves, his 2nd wife, in Wayne; Squire Francis Bishop, b. Nov. 30, 1843, was soldier war of 1861, d. at close of war in Wayne; Josiah Manley, b. Oct. 25, 1845, d. in army at Red River.

This family were residents of Peru in the forties. Record of Squire Bishop as highway surveyor 1843; Com. of building bridge near Adam Knight's mill 1849. He was tax collector several years and held other offices. He was a man of integrity and commendable motives. He removed to Wayne about 1850.

The progenitor of Bishop family in Peru was Jesse Bishop, sergeant in Capt. Jacob Haskell's Co., 4th Regt. Me. Militia of Wayne in service at Wiscasset, Bath and vicinity in 1814. He m. Patience Titus. Their son Demus, b. Apr. 7, 1801, d. in Peru Dec. 3, 1892, m. in Wayne, Mar. 16, 1823, Isabel C. Varnum, b. May 21, 1805, d. July 6, 1876, in Peru. Children:—Cyrus, b. July 8, 1824, d. Mar. 23, 1908, m. Celia D., b. Apr. 17, 1826, the dau. of Rev. Chas. and Charlotte (Weaver) Bisbee; Demus Farnum Bishop, b. July 26, 1826, d. Apr. 16, 1882, m. Mar. 17, 1855, Hannah B. b. June 1, 1828, dau. of Benj. and Mary H. (Bishop) Lovejoy; Jesse Bishop, b. July 2, 1829, d. Oct. 6, 1904, Pvt. Co. C, 29th Regt. Me., taken prisoner at Red River, held 4 mos., m. July 31, 1873, Angeline Butterfield of Woodstock; Wm. H. Bishop, b. May 6, 1833, d. Jan. 19, 1900, m. 1st, Sophia, dau. of Jesse Bishop, Jr., of Wayne. Wife died, m. 2nd, Lucy Butterfield of Woodstock. Their children:—Roland Irish, d. ae. about 11 mos.; Cora B., d. ae. around 14 yrs.; Celia Davis Bishop, b. Feb. 16, 1836, m. Nov. 5, 1854, Chas. B. Lovejoy in East Abington, Mass. Their son Elmer Lovejoy, b. Bethel, Oct. 27, 1862. Superintendent of Pond R. T. Ry. since 1896.

Peru is proud of her sons and grandsons who have reached high attainments; have developed a genius that enables them to do things with ease that are hard and difficult. Proud of the mothers who inspire their sons and daughters to seek high ideals.

Mr. Lovejoy though born in a neighboring town is the offspring of one of our fair daughters, born and bred in Peru and her father was one of the first pioneers to clear the wilderness around Dickvale.

Nathan S. Bishop, b. Feb. 17, 1842, d. Feb. 24, 1896, m. Nov. 22, 1863, Emma J. Elliott of Rumford. Their children:—Frank E., b. Jan. 13, 1864; Cola E., b. Nov. 11, 1865, d. Apr. 4, 1867; Dana E., b. Sept. 16, 1868; Elva; Nathan S., Jr., b. June 1, 1873. Frank E. m. 1st, Aug. 21, 1884, Lillian M. dau. of Chas. Carter, Rumford. They parted. M. 2nd, Susan Burgess, widow of Julius Burgess. Children:—Laura M., b. Apr. 10, 1885, d. May 9, 1890; Dana E., m. Dec. 13, 1892, Lillian A. dau. of Royal H. and Myra (Knight) Small; Elva m. Wallace Hammon; Nathan S., Jr., m. Lillian I., b. Feb. 14, 1875, d. May 8, 1895, the dau. of Geo. W. and Esther J. (Childs) Gordon; Julia Isabel Bishop, b. Aug. 13, 1846, d. Dec. 25, 1896, m. Feb. 15, 1869, Roland C. Irish, b. Oct. 20, 1845, d. Sept., 1892, the son of Freeman Irish. Their children, Vernon and Bernice d. young.

Children and grandchildren of Cyrus and Celia D. Bishop:—Chas. H., twin, b. Sept. 22, 1850, d. July 26, 1872; Henrietta, twin, b. Peru, Sept. 22, 1850, d. Dec. 11, 1908, m. Almon J. Farrar, b. Woodstock. Their children:—Howard H., b. 1868, m. Apr. 3, 1892, Henrietta E., dau. of Virgil and Clara (Adams) Fuller of Rumford; Gennie Farrar, b., m. Elias Lovejoy, son of Elias H.; Elma, b., m. ——— Silver, Rumford Center; Vernon; Luellen m. ——— Smith, Dixfield; Una m., 1st, Deforest Delano, divorced, m. 2nd, Dec. 19, 1903, Willis W. Taintor, Dixfield; Stella m. Maurice Burgess; Manly; Celia; Ned.

Wm. W. Bishop, son of Cyrus, d. Oct. 21, 1861, ae. 2 mos.

Children and grandchildren of Demus F. Bishop:—Mary L., d. Apr. 22, 1877, ae. 3 yrs., 11 mos., 20 dys.; Melvin Lovejoy Bishop, b. Apr. 1, 1856, m. July 25, 1885, Myra M., dau. of Reuben Hutchinson, Carthage. Their dau., Blanch J., b. Apr. 7, 1886. Chas. Henry, son of Cyrus, m. Julia Burgess, dau. of Harrison. Their son Chas. Henry, b. 1872, d. 1900, m. Lena M. Bryant, b. North Jay, 1877, d. Sept. 22, 1894, the dau. of David and Eliza (Brown) Bryant.

## Bonney Brothers

Among the early hardy pioneers were two brothers in the adjoining townships. Isaac Bonney settled in Sumner in the opening beyond greenwoods on the road from Worthly Pond to Paris. His occupation was farmer and blacksmith. He married Elsie Jewell May 29, 1831. Asa Bonney m. Betsey Bisbee about 1825 as shown by birth in family. She was a sister of Rev. Chas. Bisbee

who came from Sumner. Children:—Isaac, b. May 14, 1826; Asa, Jr., b. Sept. 10, 1828; Lydia, b. Feb. 29, 1830; Cyrus T., b. Nov. 23, 1831; Chas. B., b. Jan. 12, 1833; Jones B., b. Dec. 15, 1834; Fanny B., b. Nov. 1, 1836; Thankful L., b. Mar. 16, 1839.

John and wife Thankful lived on Peleg Oldham farm in the middle forties. He d. in Massachusetts. Their dau. b. 1840, d. 1845; son John E., b. Apr. 28, 1848; Elminy, b., did not marry, d. in Sumner; Abigail R., m. Nov. 30, 1837, Judson Robinson in Sumner; Stephen; Vesta; Mary; Sarah m. in Massachusetts; and seven more. Total 22 children by one mother. Who beat that? Isaac m. sister to Cynthia Cary, was a soldier in Civil War, lived and died a farmer at Sumner; Asa, Jr., went West and d.; Lydia living in Sumner; Cyrus T. m. Feb. 22, 1855, Nancy Curtis, lived in Canton; Chas. Bean m. Pub. Sept. 27, 1855, Cynthia T. Cary, lives E. Sumner, a sldier Co. F, 9th Me.; Thankful m. a Roberts, a soldier in Civil War who d. E. Sumner.

Cyrus T. Bonney m. Feb. 22, 1855, Nancy A. Curtis. Children:—Frances Deltora, b. Nov. 11, 1855, d. Jan. 7, 1856; Cyrus, b. Mar. 18, 1857; Harriet L., b. Oct. 13, 1859.

Jones Bonney was engineer on P. and R. F. Ry. several years. Quitting that he was janitor at Auburn Court House a term of years. In fall of 1909 continuing same occupation at Bates College.

## Barrows

Andrew Barrows and wife, Mary Shurtliff before marriage, came from Carver, Mass., to Hartford, Me., in 1808. They had a family of ten children of whom James was the sixth.

James Barrows was a brother of Andrew Barrows a merchant at Canton and Charles Barrows a mechanic. James did mechanical work several years in a last factory in Boston. He was b. July 30, 1808, m. May 2, 1836, Elizabeth, b. Feb. 3, 1808, dau. of Horatio Adams, Medway, Mass. Their children:—James A., b. July 28, 1841; Mary E., b. Nov. 19, 1843. Mr. Barrows and family came to Peru around the year 1853. He bought the farm first cleared and occupied by Joseph Conant adjoining the farm of Wm. Walker, Jr. The heads of this Barrows family took an active interest in religion, temperance and all moral refore; Congregationalist in creed and Republican in politics. Mrs. Barrows when a girl attended school at one time with Henry Ward Beecher. She always maintained great respect for him and would not believe the Tilton scandal.

James A. Barrows was drummer Co. C, 16th Me. He sustained sunstroke at battle of Gettysburg for which he receives thirty dollars per month pension. Increased 1911 to 50 dollars by special act through John P. Swasey, Rep. He m. Aug. 13, 1869, Mary K., dau. of Judson and Abigail R. (Bonney) Robinson. She was dau. of Asa Bonney, Peru. Children:—Abbie Adams, b. Mar. 29, 1873, m. Nov. 3, 1897, Geo. H. Haskell; Alvan Stuart Barrows, b. Feb. 29, 1876. Graduate of Hebron Academy. Residence of family East Sumner, Maine.

## Bent

Mary E. A. Barrows m. Nov. 26, 1865, Wm. Harrison Bent, b. Sept. 11, 1840, son of Samuel Bent, Braintree, Mass. No issue. He came to live with his aunt in the family of Benj. Allen about 1850. He served as Pvt. Co. B, 3d Me. Has served as postmaster at Peru Center since about 1890. His brother Wm. Henry stood a draft at the same time and was assigned to the same Co. and Regt., 3d Me. The latter went from Dixfield where he was at work and the former from Peru. Wm. Henry m. around 1857, Melinda, dau. of Daniel and Eleanor (Walker) Sheffield. Their only child, Flora, m. Seth Young, live at Lewiston. Not long after close of the war Henry Bent moved to Lewiston and was in the employ of Franklin Water Power Co. a term of years. He was steady and faithful, had an easy job and good pay. His wife was making good pay as seamstress in a shirt factory. Their earthly prospects were most excellent. What would have been the outcome had not mother Eve been tempted to partake of the forbidden fruit may be somewhat uncertain, but had not the subject of this sketch yielded to the wily snares of an Irish woman and the wine cup, no one doubts but he would have continued a prosperous, happy man, in the bosom of his family, whose virtues and qualities were all that heart could wish. Melina Bent d. Aug. 9, 1906.

## Rev. Charles Bisbee

Rev. Charles Bisbee came from Sumner in the thirties. He built the brick house on the rising landscape east of West Peru village, now owned by Alvah Curtis. Dates are fragmentary. It is known he was living there with second wife. His first wife d. Apr. 30, 1845. Quite likely 2nd m. followed next year. He m. 1st. Pub. Jan. 15, 1825, Charlotte Weaver. Their children.—Celia D., b. Apr. 17, 1826, m. Cyrus Bishop; Geo. H., b. June 29,

1827; Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1828; Beula, b. Mar. 10, 1832, d. Jan. 4, 1847; Charlotte, b. June 6, 1834; Andrew, b. Feb. 10, 1836; Charles, Jr., b. Dec. 4, 1838; Sarah Ann, b. Dec. 11, 1842.

Rev. Chas. Bisbee m. 2nd, Beula Putnam. Her maiden name was Norris, sister to Gideon Norris. They came from Wayne. She m. 1st, Samuel Randall, Pub. in Wayne. They had a dau. Eliza, who m. Wm. Babb, and a son Levi Randall. Beula m. 2nd, Stephen Putnam, his 2nd wife. He d. Apr. 11, 1844. She m. 3d, around 1846, after May 27th, the said Rev. Chas. Bisbee. She d. Jan. 4, 1847, ae. 48 yrs. and buried beside of said Putnam in the pines on a part of said Bisbee farm. Stephen Putnam m. 1st, Dec. 13, 1828, Betsey Ricker.

Geo. H. Bisbee, m. Martha Hersey of Fayette. They lived at Rangeley Lake and d. in Massachusetts.

Mary married and has a family in Iowa. Charlotte m. John Holmes; both d. in Massachusetts. Andrew m. Belle Noyes in Norridgewock, d. West. Charles, Jr., b. Peru, m. in 1859, Olive, dau. of Joseph Frazier of Rangeley. He d. Sept. 9, 1905. Children:—Luella Bisbee b. 1860; Ida, b. 1862; Orlando A., b. Apr. 4, 1877. Was in Spanish war Co. F, 8th Regt., Mass.; m. 1901, Mabel Andrews, Dixfield. Leroy A. m. Aug. 26, 1905, Myrtle Howard, dau. of Sam'l W. and Emily (Babb) Howard. Rev. Almon S. Bisbee, b., m. Sept. 30, 1908, Anna Florence Knight, dau. of E. W. Knight, Portland. Residence, 5 Knight St., Portland. Sarah Ann, dau. of Rev. Chas., m. 1st, Timothy Partridge, lived in Massachusetts. He d. She married 2nd, Geo. Briggs. Luella Bisbee m. 1878, Carlos D. Lane, Co. I, 1st N. Y. Engineer Regt. Their children are seven sons, one dau. Chas. A. Lane m. Oct. 15, 1907, Sarah B. Colcord. Mrs. Luella Lane, divorced 1896, m. 2nd, 1908, Arthur Hezelton "widowed." Ida Bisbee m. 1880, Rev. Lewis C. Putnam, b. Franklin June 16, 1848, d. June 18, 1899. Children:—Edward Everett, b. 1883, m. Feb. 28, 1904, Ethel A. Thing, dau. of Joseph A. Thing, Boston, and Mary E. Beckler of Livermore, Me. Residence Livermore Center. Bernard, b. 1881, m. 1902, Mirtie Dixon, Farmington, N. H. Residence Dickvale; Cervier, b. 1881; Lela, b. 1888, m. 1906, Wesley Wyman, son of Stillman and grandson of Harrison Wyman. Their son Merton, b. July 1, 1907; Ralph Putnam, b. 1900.

Jones Bisbee was a brother to Rev. Chas. Bisbee. He lived on the O. T. Woodbury farm in the early forties. He married Rebecca Robinson of Sumner. Their children:—John, b. Apr. 16, 1839, married, lives in Dakota, has fourteen children. Abi-

gail, b. Sept. 10, 1841. This family and the Rev. Charles left town before 1850, breaking further trace. Mrs. Bisbee belonged to the race of Robinsons in Sumner of whom several became residents of Peru.

The following are the children in part of Luella and Charles D. Lane, as descendants of Chas. Bisbee, Jr. Lester S. Lane, b. Jan. 29, 1886, d. Aug. 20, 1889; Stephen A., b. July 10, 1889; Charles A.; Arthur; Earl; Luanna.

### Another Race of Babbs

Wm. Babb, b. around 1820, m. Apr. 8, 1840, Eliza, b. 1816, dau. of Samuel and Beula (Norris) Randall of Peru. Wife d. with some one of chil. at E. Dixfield, Aug. 8, 1906, ae. 90 yrs. 10 m. Children:—Isabel Bishop Babb, b. Jan. 1, 1841, m. Oct. 30, 1857, Orin Hammon 2nd wife; Edwin Babb b. Oct. 9, 1842; Greenwood, N., b. Oct. 26, 1843; Drusilla, b. Mar. 6, 1846, d. 1863; Roscoe F. b. Apr. 5, 1849, m. Lilla Bibber, live at E. Dixfield; Ada Estelle, b. Feb. 28, 1851, m. Alphonso Heselton; Francis Adelbert, b. Peru. Apr. 18, 1853, m. Hattie Sinnett in New Sharon; Mary Amanda, b. Peru July 3, 1855, m. Oct. 1873, Orville K. Walton, b. Peru May 6, 1841, wife d. in Peru, Aug. 12, 1901. Walton is the son of Orin and Betsey (Fobes) Walton, the dau. of Benj. Fobes an early settler in Peru. Orin Walton d. in Canton 1897 and his wife Betsey d. 1900; Emily M. Babb, b. Jan. 11, 1857, m. Samuel W. Howard, living in Peru.

Edwin Babb was a member of Co. B, 3d Me. in the early part of Civil War. He contracted disability that rendered him a cripple for life, a partial paralysis of feet and legs. He m. 1st, Arabella Hezelton, dau. of Samuel of Stoneham. He worked at harness making a few years at West Peru in the late seventies and next engaged as agent in charge of Rockemeka Grange Store a term of years at said village. Children:—Burdona, d. ae. 8 yrs. at W. Peru; Cora, m. Horace Allen in Waterford. Mr. Babb's marriage to Miss Hezelton proved an unhappy union. In character and ideals they were not well mated. Mr. Babb was actuated by high moral, devout impulses, qualities that were wholly wanting on the part of his chosen companion. In the absence of Christian sanctity, chastity is unprotected, and passions lead the van. The wife deliberately broke her marriage vow and then sued for and obtained a divorce around 1882. She married her seducer and family jars in retribution soon followed. "Who so diggeth a pit

shall fall therein, and he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him."

### Another Race of Bisbees

Hannibal Bisbee m. 1st, May 19, 1833, Betsey Stetson, dau. of Elisha Stetson and Betsey Bartlett. He was a separate race from other Bisbees in town. He came here and located in the vicinity of the range of hills from Ripley's Mill to North Hartford.

Children:—Hulda R., b. Dec. 23, 1838, m. Nov. 20, 1860, Wm. Harlow, Jr.; Elisha S., b. 1840. Worked carpenter, enlisted Co. F, 9th Me., 1st Lieut. 1861, promoted captain, killed at North Anna, May, 1864, a very capable young man. He framed Levi Lunt's house when about 16 yrs. old; Hannibal, Jr., b. 1843. Enlisted Oct. 31, 1861, Pvt. Co. G, 1st Me. Cav. Returned from war, went West, after his marriage Feb. 16, 1866, to Lucy A. Bicknell of Canton. Mr. Bisbee's wife d. Jan. 25, 1854. He m. 2nd wife around 1855 and had four children to wit:

Russell Everett, b. May 14, 1856; Dennis, b. Oct. 1, 1857; Martin Harris, b. June 22, 1860; Lucius H. Bisbee, b. Jan. 12, 1867. About this date the family moved to North Livermore where both of the parents ended their earthly career and three of the children are yet living. Mr. Bisbee was an industrious honorable man, by occupation farmer; m. and d. July 31, 1911 of pneumonia.

### Bassett

Elforest G., son of Chas. Bassett, b. Livermore, m. Nov. 26, 1890 May F., dau. of Amos L. and Ann D. (Wormell) Harlow. Son, Fred H., adopted. Mr. Bassett is one of Peru's shrewd and prosperous farmers. He is successor of the above Harlow on the farm where Wm. Harlow with a family of seven children located in 1845. The farm has continued in the family and descendants ever since.

Chas. Bassett was b. in Peru, the son of James and Thersey Bassett. This family were residents of Peru in 1843, when Mr. Bassett and wife joined the Baptist Church. They continued residents in town and members of the church in good standing till their deaths in the spring of 1849. Their residence was on High street. The cut of "Bassett Farm, Worthly Pond" is a good view of the buildings erected by William Harlow the grandparent of Mrs. E. G. Bassett. They are located on the West side of the Pond on road to Sumner and Paris. See cut showing farm buildings.



A merry party at Merritt H. Oldham's, formerly the A. J. Churchill farm at foot of Worthy pond. Team is headed towards outlet of pond and to where was Ripley's mill.





forest G. Bassett farm, formerly Amos Harlow's, at Worthly pond, west side.



## Bartlett

Family of Joseph and Fanny Bartlett. Wife was the dau. of Robert Tilson, Sr. and Charity Jones. They owned the Merritt H. Oldham farm at foot of Worthly Pond. They were early settlers there. Children:—Fanny Tilson Bartlett, b. Oct. 8, 1817, m. Benj. Goodwin of Melrose, Mass., both died in Paris, Me., had children, Marcellus and Isabel, b. Aug. 25, 1857; Lydia L., b. Apr. 21, 1820, m. Martin Ellis of Canton, had son, Albert. They lived in Melrose, Mass. Parents dead; Christopher W., b. Sept. 1, 1823, m. Pub. Dec. 6, 1857, Hannah dau. of Harvey Ripley, had daughters Lydia L. and Abby B., both d. in 1862; Joseph W., b. July 9, 1834, lived and d. Melrose, Mass.; Josiah Adelbert Bartlett, b. Nov. 23, 1841, m. Jan. 1, 1863; Laura J., b. Dec. 24, 1842, dau. of Wm. P. Brackett, had son Emerson. They lived at one time on the Goggin farm. For reasons unknown to writer, this man, the husband of Laura Jane, left her bed and board without due notice, taking with him his neighbor's youngest girl, Hattie Eliza Burgess, b. Aug. 5, 1851 and nearly ten years his junior. They eloped going to parts unknown. It is reported that they are living at Woburn, Mass. Christopher d. in Florida.

Wife Fanny Bartlett d. on Goggin farm Aug. 17, 1863, ae. 64 yrs. 6 mo. Husband Joseph remarried Clarinda Paul "widow" Apr. 20, 1865. He d. about five years after and was buried beside 1st wife in Ridge Cemetery.

The cut entitled "A Merry Party, Worthly Pond" shows the barn on the Bartlett farm erected by him in the thirties. The house is at the left across the road nearly opposite the team which is headed towards the bridge at the outlet of the Pond and to the West side of Pond. A short distance down the stream below the bridge was located Ripley's Mill. There is a good water power for sale.

## Bemis

The family of Henry A. and Anna T. Bemis. He was the son of Jacob and Angeline Bemis whose daughter Prudence W., b. Livermore, Aug. 1, 1834, m. Apr. 1867, Thomas Farrar, b. Newry, Me., Nov. 1, 1840. These families came from Livermore to Peru in the year 1883. Bemis opened a harness shop in the old Bent store at Peru Centre. Next he made traveling cases and cut and made men's pants. He removed around 1885 to East Turner.

His children:—Clara Etta, b. Mar. 22, 1869, m. Orison Pratt of Turner; John T., b. Jan. 15, 1864, m. in Turner May Moore (widow) lived with his parents and died there June, 1905; Bessie A., b. in Dixfield 1882, m. Arthur Bernard; Jacob Bemis d. at his daughter's East Peru, Dec. 10, 1892, ae. 84 yrs. His wife d. there Sept. 16, 1888, ae. 77 yrs.

Thomas Farrar was a soldier in the Civil War, Co. B, 25th Mass. Color bearer, height over six feet. He purchased the Daniel Deshon mill, water power and dwelling house below the bridge at East Peru. His mill was fitted up for the manufacture of spool strips and has done a paying business a term of years. Mr. Farrar's health failing he sold his estate to the Spool Co., Dixfield, and removed to Gilbertville in spring of 1907. No issue. These families won the high esteem of all. Mr. Henry A. Bemis died at Keen's Mills, East Turner, around Feb. 1911.

## Bolster

Lyman and Betsey (Knight) Bolster. She was the dau. of Daniel Knight and Betsey Wheeler, Rumford.

Children:—Cuvier Lyman, b. Sept. 11, 1842, d. Nov. 8, 1847; Harriett Andrews, b. July 5, 1832; Daniel Winthrop Knight son of Winthrop and Caroline Knight, b. Boston, Feb. 20, 1833, d. Aug. 31, 1853, Peru; Mary Hellen L., b. Dec. 23, 1840; Albert Cuvier W., b. Apr. 14, 1850.

Mr. Bolster was in trade in the brick store at West Peru till the close of the war. He sold and removed to Bryant Pond. Clipping from "Oxford Register" June 29, 1910, Albert C. Bolster long a resident of Bryant Pond died suddenly at his home June 28. He had been in his usual health and had worked as usual at the Grand Trunk quarry. He came here with his parents in 1866 and on the death of his father in 1874 became his successor in business at the Knight store. Later he engaged in the drug business which he finally sold to A. M. Chase. He m. in 1874 Mary Louise, dau. of Rufus K. Dunham who survives him also daus. Gertrude Bolster and Mrs. Agnes Brooks.

## Barstow

Robert and Betsey Barstow came from Monmouth. He was b. North Yarmouth. His wife was Betsey Whitcomb, b. Waterford. He d. June 27, 1874, ae. 80 yrs. She d. Oct. 30, 1872, ae. 72 yrs. Children:—Sarah Whitcomb, b. June 30, 1820, m. Sept. 18, 1849;

Benj. Roberts his 2nd wife; Geo. Magoun, b. July 9, 1822, d. Aug. 1, 1833; Sylvia L., b. Sept. 25, 1824, m. Josiah Paine, she d. June 20, 1864. Their dau. Inez m. Gibbs Abbott. Children:—Eldora and Ruth; Frederick A., b. Aug. 7, 1827, d. May 14, 1868, m. Isabel B., b. Oct. 17, 1831, dau. of Benj. and Mary H. Lovejoy. Child:—Chas. L. Barstow, b. Apr. 15, 1858. Widow remarried Wm. Moore.

The subject of this sketch was a very energetic, capable business manager. His occupation at West Peru village was boot and shoe manufacturer. Barstow and Whitcomb blood develops an all round business quality 100 per cent. active and vigorous to the third generation.

Emily, b. June 9, 1830, m. Aug. 11, 1859, Albion K. P. Knight; Lydia Prince, b. Dec. 26, 1832, m. in Mass.; Matilda K., b. July 19, 1836 in Monmouth, m. Pub. June 22, 1856, Elisha S. Wyman; Geo. M., b. Oct. 5, 1839, d. Oct. 8, 1859. Frederick A. was a dealer in farm products at Bryant Pond the last few years of life. He was held in high esteem and did a thriving business.

## Brown

Leonard H., b. in Leeds May 17, 1816 the son of Samuel and Sarah (Cushman) Brown, m. Mar. 24, 1855 Jane E. dau. of Jeremiah Witham. He moved from Carthage to Peru and was successor to Solomon T. Alden's ferry and farm in 1867-8. Children:—Celestia A., b. Jan. 25, 1856, unmarried; Elmer E., b. Dec. 23, 1857; Marcia Luetta, b. May 6, 1861, m. May 6, 1888, Geo. W. Hall of the firm of Hall Bros.

The Brown family are highly respected citizens, good neighbors, kind and generous to the poor. Mr. Brown d. June 1, 1894. Mrs. Mary A. Hamilton sister to Mrs. Brown b. Harpswell, May 17, 1827, formerly a resident at W. Peru village was in the family (1907.) Mr. Brown and son carried on their ferry till the P. & R. F. Ry. was extended in the spring of 1892 and did a thriving business in addition to farming. The ferry was discontinued that spring as unprofitable for further service. It had done continuous service for 64 years. Son Elmer E. has not m. He sold farm and removed with Mrs. Brown and dau. Celestia to Dixfield Village about close of year 1907. Mrs. Brown d. there in March, 1908, respected and loved by all. The brother and sister are nicely situated in their village home. They are prominent members of Rockemeka Grange, Peru. Miss Brown is an accomplished musician, vocal and instrumental.

## Brackett

Another race of Bracketts of Westbrook, Maine. Wm. P. Brackett, b. 1808, d. May 22, 1878, m. probably 1829, 1832, Laura J. Bowker, b. 1808, d. Nov. 29, 1873. They were farmers on "Ridge Road," farm joined Goggin place. Their children:—Julia Mariah, b. Dec. 18, 1831, m. Apr. 8, 1856, 1st, Luther Jackson his 2nd wife. He d. in army in 1864, widow m. 2nd, Dec. 22, 1865, Edmond C. Bowker a soldier in the 1st Me. Cav. Civil War. He lived and d. in Sumner. Their son lives on home farm. Widow is pensioner; Hellen Morrill, b. Aug. 5, 1834, d. Aug. 11, 1834; Wm. Plummer, b. Apr. 6, 1838, d. Sept. 21, 1872; Laura Jane, b. Mar. 14, 1841, d. Aug. 12, 1842; Laura Jane, b. Dec. 24 1842; Jeremiah Chadman, b. Aug. 7, 1845, m. Oct. 6, 1868, Olive A. Jackson, b. June 13, 1849, d. Sept. 19, 1896, dau. of Seth W. Jackson; Lionel Orin, b. Aug. 25, 1847; Jeremiah C. Brackett served Pvt. Co. E, 31st Me. war 1861. Laura Jane Brackett m. Jan. 1, 1863, Josiah Adelbert Bartlett, Peru. He left wife, she had son Emerson who m. in R. I., Alice Cook. Their residence is East Sumner, Labrador Pond. Wm. Plummer Brackett m. Jan. 1, 1863, Sarah Malissa Jackson dau. of Seth W. and Elnora (Woodsum) Jackson.

Their children:—Albion L., b. Nov. 9, 1863, d. June 4, 1908; Irving L., b. 1869. Widow Sarah Malissa, m. 2nd 1885, Tyler Kidder (widowed) he d. 1900; Albion L. Brackett m. Cassie E. Caligan of East Machias, wife d. June 1905. Their children:—Wm. Warren, b. Jan. 1887; Hazel B., b. 1889; Harold, b. 1891; Henry Irving, b. 1893; Leston A., b. 1897; Murton L., b. 1901.

Mr. Brackett was employed the most of his life in the big cotton mill at Auburn, Me. Was overseer many years and rendered very able and efficient service.

## Barbar

Family left England June 4, 1854, came to Lewiston, Me. thence to Peru in winter of 1859. Edward Barbar, b. England Oct. 2, 1819, m. Apr. 21, 1839, d. Peru Centre Apr. 20, 1894; Martha, b. July 2, 1819 Ashton, England, d. Peru Jan. 6, 1892, dau. of Wm. and Hannah (Hallowell) Charlesworth; Wm. Charlesworth of Ashton, b. Mar. 27, 1792, m. Jan. 5, 1815, d. Peru 1873. Had seven children, Martha was the second. Children of Barbar:—Emma, b. May 4, 1841, England, m. Amos Turner; Hannah, b. May 25, 1845, d. in Peru, m. Jan. 15, 1868, Henry Castle 2nd

wife b. England. Children of Henry and Hannah Castle:—George, b. Mar. 1869, d. Omaha, Neb.; Maggie A., b. Aug. 1871, m. Eugene Varney, Waterville. He d. 1904; Sadie E., b. Mar. 1873, m. Apr. 15, 1897, Bert C. Kidder in Peru. Their children:—Elwood Castle, b. Mar. 6, 1900; Hazel Gertrude, b. Aug. 22, 1901; Sibyl M., Sept. 2, 1904; Lawrence Burt, b. Aug. 18, 1905; Leland Warren, b. Mar. 1907; Frank Edward, b. Oct. 26, 1908.

Nellie M. Castle, b. Mar. 23, 1875, m. Oct. 7, 1895, Dennis A. Harriman who came from South Thomaston, a monument worker. Chas. E. Castle, b. June, 1877, d. ae. about one yr. Child of Harriman:—Richard Sherwood, b. Feb. 3, 1899, residence Rd. Falls. Henry Castle m. 3d Lydia Fogg. Child:—Ella. He has been at Asylum, Augusta several years. He d. there Jan. 1911.

Mr. Barbar and family and Mr. Charlesworth emigrated to Lewiston, Me., following the middle fifties, where Mr. Barbar was employed in cotton mill a few years. Around 1859 he purchased of Jonas Greene the Francis Conant stand adjoining the farm of Hezekiah W. Babb and moved his family there while he continued work in the mill. In spring of 1860 the house took fire, for want of the stove pipe being made fast to the chimney flue in the unfinished chamber over the cook stove, and the family were forced to leave the house about three o'clock on a winter morning and seek refuge with a neighbor. The buildings were connected and all consumed. Mr. Barbar thought he would build a house that would not burn. He had read Fowler's method of building in New York with cobble stone and lime mortar, requiring timber only for cross beams and sleepers and studding and the roof.

He had erected a few months after what was termed mud buildings, disconnected. It is observable at this stage that the ingredients of the mortar used here was quite different from that in New York as much so as clay differs from sand. First the barn was built, roof put on and shingled and contrary to many predictions, it survived a short rain storm. This served to inspire courage to build the house. It was erected, roof put on and shingled. A middle sill running length of house was designed to support sleepers of house floor and serve to hold a division wall in the cellar, the rear to be a dark room and the front lighted. A door frame under this sill had been erected when the workmen, H. W. Babb, Amos Turner and writer were in the cellar, the first two adjusting scantlings near the door frame and writer was standing a few feet nearer the entrance to cellar unemployed at the time, looking casually over head and thinking of the liability of a crash,

when he detected a faint jar and saw a few grains of mortar drop and prompted by the signal made haste for the yard outside. He barely reached there when the crash came as quick as tipping a cart load of rocks down a steep bank. All flat with the roof on top. That door frame was the means of saving the lives of the men, when the house fell. Amos Turner, who was near the door frame was not injured. He looked around to find Mr. Babb and discovered him partially covered with debris on the cellar bottom. He was standing at the moment of the crash about midway between frame and end wall near middle sill, which was held up by frame at point of bearing, the end portion going down with wall and inflicting a slight blow obliquely which stunned him. It was about three hours before he recovered his senses. The barn went down a few days later. That experiment cost two hundred dollars for material and labor. Next Mr. Barbar built in 1862 a set of wooden buildings and occupied them till after the war. In 1870 he with his son-in-law purchased the G. W. Bisbee farm and lived there with their families. Several acres of the tillage was devoted to hops, with new cedar poles and a full equipment for drying. They were yielding well and commanding a good price at the time. This incident and what followed is related simply as illustrative of Mr. Barbar's method of stopping the drink evil. He would stop the manufacture so far as he was able, and he did so by plowing up the hop fields on his farm to the last hill, sacrificing hundreds of dollars. No other man followed the example. Mr. Barbar was a kind indulgent parent and his wife unlike Martha of old was always of good cheer, helpful and pleasing.

### Brown Family

Nathan Brown and family were early pioneer settlers in the North part of the town adjoining Rumford Falls. They came from Concord, N. H. around 1830. Record shows he was highway surveyor in 1832. A portion of what was his farm is now occupied by Italian shanties and the old Brown farm house remodeled and second story added stands on bank of river opposite Little Italy, as called. The farm was last owned and occupied by John Austin, Jr. before its sale to the Water Power Co. 1890-91. We are unable to learn of the wife of Nathan Brown except that her maiden name was Wheeler. Nathan d. May 1, 1852. Their child:—David F. Brown, b. probably in New Hampshire, lived on home farm a bachelor the best part of his lifetime and long

after the rest of the family had found homes away. In his early career he began letting money at 12 per cent. on collateral security. At the time of the grasshopper famine around 1867 he had claims on lots of oxen about his vicinity. It was during this period that he would often find an additional yoke of steers or oxen in his barn yard, without notice. A young nephew asked him what he meant by saying he had a "lien" on them cattle. He said jerking his hand: "Gad! they all lean towards my barn."

David F. Brown was 3d with Dean Lunt and Sumner R. Newell on the Board of Selectmen and Assessors of Peru for 1846. He m. late in life Mrs. Reed, widow of John Reed, merchant at Mexico Corner. He d. His only brother known, John Mark, m. lived and d. on a farm in Canton. Their son Henry G. m. widow of Lot Sampson in Hartford where he is living. Wife d.

John M. Brown's dau. Margaret m. Sumner Soule a native of Livermore. He was engaged in boot mfg. in the middle and late sixties. Wife d. He d. a member of police in Boston 1907 leaving a son Bert in a shoe store at Gardiner, Me.

The daughters of Nathan Brown, so far as known were, Sophrona E., m. Pub. to Franklin Warren, Mexico Oct. 20, 1854; Nancy S., m. Tristiam Washburn Mar. 11, 1841; Lovina, m. James Washburn Pub. June 26, 1838, uncle to Tristiam; Polly, m. about 1824, James Delano resident in Peru. He was no kin to other Delanos in town.

Their first child b. Feb. 3, 1825. This shows quite likely the Brown family were in town prior to Polly's marriage. Their children:—Sarah Brown Delano, b. Feb. 3, 1825, d. Apr. 11, 1825; Emerson Coolidge, b. Apr. 12, 1826, d. June 22, 1843; Nathan B., b. Feb. 10, 1828, d. July 25, 1848; David Brown Delano, b. July 1830, m. Sept. 25, 1851, Mary J. Hall; Mary Ann, b. Oct. 1, 1832, d. Sept. 26, 1835; Nina B., b. Jan. 3, 1836, d. Oct. 1838; Chas. M., b. Aug. 25, 1838; Sarah Brown Delano, b. Sept. 14, 1842, m. Feb. 8, 1859, Jacob Lovejoy, Mexico.

Resuming the daughters of Nathan Brown, Lucy m. a Lufkin, Emily M. m. Azel L. Hammon, Sarah b. Concord, N. H. d. Peru Nov. 21, 1900, m. in early fifties Joseph Staples. Their children known:—Clara H., b. 1854 is married; Julia, b. 1860 is married.

### Daniel Barton

Daniel Barton was a settler in the township several years before it was an organized Plantation. He made a clearing West of

Brady Bailey (now the Town Farm) on High street so called around the year 1800.

He m. about 1805, Eunice b. 1763 dau. of Merrill Knight, Sr. Their only child known, James Barton was b. here March 10, 1806. Mr. Barton d. Oct. 28, 1838. Their son m. Pub. Oct. 9, 1837, Abigail Russell of Hartford. Their only issue d. young. Not long after the death of Daniel Barton his widow Eunice made it her home with her sister, Mrs. Francis Waite, having a room in the Waite mansion. For many years "Aunt Barton" as she was familiarly called, was the general root and herb dispenser in the community. She was often seen in the fields and on the highway with her apron full of these goods. Nov. 6, 1845, in her 83d year she remarried one Benj. York who was 84 years old and active. He came to the gristmill of writer's father with a bushel of wheat he had grown and asked the writer to make him some nice flour a day or two before the marriage. The wedding cake was made from that flour. Mr. York told writer afterwards the flour was good. Mrs. York lived seven years after this marriage, d. Feb. 19, 1853, ae. 90 yrs. Her brother was hugged by the white faced bear. See first sawmill, Dickvale.

### Bray

Harrison and Keziah M. Bray lived on the Curtis farm at Worthy Pond in the early or middle forties. He removed to the upper end of High street and bought the Samuel S. Wyman farm. The latter moved to the Withington farm where his son Otis Wyman lives in Peru annex to Rumford. This occurred between early and middle fifties. Mr. Bray was an active participant in moral reforms, a staunch supporter of Maine prohibition, an honorable just man and his wife was highly esteemed by all. Their children:—Eunice Mariah, b. Jan. 31, 1851, m. Herbert Davenport, live in Turner; Ezra B., b. Sept. 17, 1854, m. Feb. 26, 1879, Harriet J. Knox, b. Mar. 26, 1856, dau. of Albion K. P. and Susannah Knox. Live in Boston, agt. for Turner Ctr. Creamery; Wm. H. Bray, b. Apr. 21, 1857; Thomas B., b. Nov. 21, 1859, d. May 21, 1861; Emma Abbie, b. Sept. 21, 1862; Bennett L., b. Feb. 3, 1866, d. around middle eighties; Nora E., b. Apr. 14, 1868, m. a Mr. Metcalf. He was lost on board the steamer Portland, Nov. 27, 1898. Bertha did not m. died of consumption after the family removed to Lewiston in early nineties.

Mr. Bray has died since leaving town. His wife before marriage was Keziah Mills Weymouth, dau. of Wm. and Sally (Mills)

Weymouth of New Portland, Me. Mrs. Bray is the only survivor, except a half sister, of a family of ten children. Her last own sister, Mrs. Paschal Edmunds d. in Mexico Nov. 1909.

### Oliver B. Canwell

Oliver B. Canwell, brother to John, m. Dec. 2, 1826, Philema, dau. of John Andrews. Oliver d. Sept. 7, 1847, ae. 46 yrs. His wife d. Nov. 21, 1889, ae. 84 yrs. Children:—Sabrina, b. May 28, 1829, d. Feb. 25, 1845; William, b. July 29, 1831, m. Apr. 8, 1852, Hannah dau. of Thomas S. Lord; George, b. June 20, 1833, m. an Andrews; Keziah, b. June 21, 1837, m. an Andrews, a brother to wife of George; Nancy, b. July 26, 1839, m. Nov. 17, 1853, Geo. son of Stephen L. Wing; Mercy Andrews Canwell, b. in No. 2 May 15, 1835, m. a son of Stephen P. Wing; Oliver B., b. June 26, 1841, m. a Pratt, was in Civil War, Pvt. Co. C, 8th Me.: Chas. Bean, b. 1844, d. 1845; George W. Turner Canwell, b. Apr. 1, 1846, d. in Civil War. The following is the epitaph of Oliver B. Canwell: "He whose ashes here repose died happy in the Saviour's love, beyond the reach of mortal woes. His spirit sings in bliss above."

John Canwell m. Apr. 4, 1822, Melinda Wing. Children:—John, Jr., b. Jan., d. Mar. 1823; Wm. Woodsum Canwell, b. Sept. 21, 1824; Arvilla H., b. Oct. 25, 1826, d. ae. about 18 yrs.; Hannah, b. Oct. 21, 1830, m. Andrew son of Thos. S. Lord; Sally, b. Nov. 1, 1833, m. a Murch, residence Sumner; Sewall Frost Canwell, b. Apr. 2, 1838, moved to Sumner.

### War Record of Canwell Family

Wm. Canwell of Peru, ae. 32 yrs. M. Must. Mar. 22, 1864 in Co. C, 8th Regt. Me. Vols., discharged for disability May 1, 1864. Oliver B. of Peru, ae. 20. S. Must. Sept. 7, 1861, Co. C, 8th Regt. Me. Vols. Re-enlisted Jan. 1, 1864. Promoted Corp. Wounded May 16, 1864. On detached service Nov. 1, 1865. George W. Turner (named by Dr. Turner who evidently attended his birth) ae. 18. Must. on quota of Franklin Sept. 21, 1861 in Co. F, 9th Regt. Me. Vols. Was taken prisoner July 11, 1863 and d. date unknown in Libby Prison. Also Sewell F. son of John Canwell, ae. 23. S. Must. Nov. 15, 1861 on quota of Franklin in Co. D, 12th Maine. Re-enlisted Must. Jan. 1, 1864. While on furlough home in Apr. and May 1864 he failed to join Command at Portland May 27, 1864.

## George Canwell

Geo. Canwell, b. Wayne Jan. 19, 1807, d. Peru Dec. 1, 1899 son of John and Sarah (Reddin) Canwell, m. Pub. Jan. 25, 1839, Hannah, b. Aug. 4, 1812, d. May 7, 1875 dau. of Seth and Virtue Burgess. Children:—Wm. B., b. Nov. 15, 1839, m. Allura Bishop of Leeds, have 3 children, residence Monmouth; Amos. B., b. Dec. 5, 1842, m. Esther V. Allen, residence Norway; Levi H., b. June 9, 1847, m. Elmira Pratt, residence Leeds; Leonard, b. Aug. 3, 1849, m. Anna Child, residence Welchville, Me.; Martha Ann, d. Mar. 6, 1861, ae. 9 yrs. 9 mos.; Keziah, b. Aug. 18, 1853, m. Elbridge Smith, residence Dixfield.

## Campbelle

Herbert F. and Lilla E. Campbelle dau. Levi Rowe of Dover, N. H. m. in 1897. He bought and settled on the Dexter Delano place adjoining Walker farm. Around 1905 he discovered a mine of felspar on the premises. He sold farm at big advance to mining company. They made a big hole in ledge and abandoned mine and farm to the mortgagee. Farm and mineral for sale.

Mr. Campbelle is employed in toothpick mill at Dixfield. He has two children, Mabel E., b. Feb. 1, 1898 and Winnefred V., b. Dec. 1904.

## David L. Chenery

David L. Chenery and family removed from Jay to Peru in Dec. 1881. He was the son of David and Ruth (Goding) Chenery, b. in Jay, July 1845. He m. Sept. 3, 1875, Eveline H. dau. of Chas. Roberts in Livermore. He settled on the farm formerly occupied by Joseph C. Johnson and his wife Susan, a sister to Mr. Chenery. Farm is located at Dickvale. Cyrus Dunn built a large set of buildings here and did extensive farming years before. Mr. Chenery is an industrious energetic farmer. Children:—David C., b. Sept. 1876, m. Feb. 3. 1903, Edith Allen dau. of Oscar C. and Anna S. (Jose) Allen; Maud Chenery, m. Arthur Driscoll of Livermore Falls.

## Thomas Cunningham

Thomas Cunningham a native of Liberty m. 1905, Luania Lane of Rumford. Child:—Arlene, aged 5 yrs. Occupation, farmer, successor to U. G. Lunt on the River farm next above the Chas. S. Walker farm. They are a highly respected family.

## Genealogy of Conant Family

Roger Conant born East Budleigh, Devon, England 1592, m. Sarah Horton, London 1618. Came to Mass. 1623. Children:—Lot, b. 1624, m. Elizabeth dau. of Rev. Wm. Walton.

Their son Lot, Jr., b. Feb. 16, 1657, m. Elizabeth Pride. He was in King Phillip's war. Their son, Joseph, b. Nov. 4, 1701, Beverly, Mass, m. Sarah Jewett 1725. They moved to Portland, Me. Their son Bartholomew b. about 1736, m. Anna Frink Mar. 6, 1760, was in Revolutionary army. Lived near Duck's Pond, Westbrook, Me. Their son Joseph, b. Feb. 3, 1767 Westbrook, Me., m. Lucinda Tufts. They lived in Bowdoinham, Me. and moved to Peru where wife was known as Lucy. He d. Feb. 24, 1833. She d. Feb. 1, 1857, ae. 90 yrs. Their children:—John Conant, b. Feb. 1, 1799; Joseph, Jr., b. Mar. 15, 1800; Bartholomew, b. Apr. 15, 1804; Daniel L., b. Sept. 26, 1807; Thomas, b. Mar. 30, 1809; Francis, b. Aug. 29, 1813; Hannah, b. Sept. 25, 1814; Dorcas Small, b. May 20, 1818; Sarah, m. David Hoit, one of the hog Cons. of Peru in 1822; Lucinda, m. Wm. Cole.

It is probable Joseph Conant and portion of family came to Peru in the early twenties. His oldest son John, m. Aug. 25, 1824, Elizabeth dau. of Daniel and Selme Deshon, residents of Peru as early as March 1818 when the collection of taxes was bid off by said Deshon at five cts. on the dollar. Joseph Conant settled on the first lot South of the Wm. Walker, Jr. farm, lived and died there. He is represented as an honorable upright man in his deal with neighbors.

John Conant d. May 25, 1857. Family then in Roxbury, Me. His wife Elizabeth d. Jan. 13, 1867, ae. 66 yrs. Their children:—Pienna, b. Aug. 12, 1825; Saloma M., b. Jan. 4, 1826, d. Mar. 26, 1849; Daniel D., b. Dec. 2, 1828, d. Feb. 2, 1852; Joseph H., b. Feb. 4, 1831, m. widow Ann Porter in Roxbury. She d. 1890. He d. in Peru May. 23, 1901. He was member of Co. D, 12th Me.; Lovina, b. Nov. 18, 1832, m. 1853, Cephus W. Irish; Arvilla, b. Oct. 1, 1834, d. Sept. 22, 1865; Lorenzo D., b. Mar. 6, 1837. Was soldier, quota of Mexico 1861, d. Apr. 2, 1863; Mary, b. May 7, 1839, m. Cyrus Gammon. Joseph, Jr. began a sea faring life when a young man. There is no further knowledge of him.

Bartholomew m. Apr. 30, 1844, Lorinda, widow of Abraham Newton of Dixfield. He d. around 1860 at the home of Daniel L. Conant, where he was cared for. Lorinda d. in Peru. Thomas m. Oct. 1851, 2nd Rosella Leighton of Augusta. He was a

dealer in stoves and tin ware from 1865 to 1885 at Wayne village. His dau. Lorinda by 1st wife, b. Feb. 6, 1838, d. ae. about 14 yrs. on home farm, Peru. Had son by 2nd wife. Thomas d. at Augusta in the late nineties. Rosella, his widow, d. Nov. 1907.

Francis m. in early forties, Anna B. Leighton of Augusta. No issue. He first settled near his brother, Daniel L., and built the buildings owned years after by Edward Barbar that were burned. His trade was shoemaker. He removed to Byron, Jan. 1850, at the foot of Buckfield Hill where he died around 1853. His widow remarried in 1856, Chas. Bearce "widowed" living in Hartford. He removed to Livermore, d. in 1887. Widow lived with Thomas Conant and family on farm at Augusta and was cared for by the son and wife of Thomas till her death around 1900. She was a noble, kind hearted woman, a good step mother.

Daniel L., b. Sept. 26, 1807, d. Jan. 1, 1883, m. May 30, 1840, Mary Ann, b. Windham 1818, d. Oct. 12, 1897, dau. of Wm. and Elois (Barnell) French of Peru. Children:—Harriet A., b. Mar. 31, 1841, d. Apr. 17, 1869; Olive Maria, b. Jan. 25, 1843, m. Dec. 18, 1866, Hiram E. Stillman. Sons of Daniel L. Conant:—Joseph Edward, b. Oct. 13, 1847, m. June 18, 1871, Emma J., b. Sept. 6, 1853, d. June 17, 1909, dau. of Nathan and Susan Shea; Wm. Henry Conant, b. June 7, 1849, m. Dec. 23, 1873, Georgia Etta Oldham.

Family of Joseph E. and Emma J. Children:—Geo. H., b. Jan. 12, 1874; Daniel, b. Jan. 26, 1879, m. 1904, Annie R. Lewis, b. Canterbury, N. B. Their infant son b. June 29, d. July 22, 1905 and their 2nd child was b. Aug. 31, 1906. Parted May 1909; Daisey M., b. July 30, 1890, dau. of Joseph E., m. May 1909, Marshall Babb. Born to wife of Marshall Babb Jan. 1, 1910, a daughter. Geo. H. m. Sept. 22, 1908, Grace Packard, dau. of Edmund, son of Moses, Dixfield. Children of Wm. Henry and Georgia Etta Conant:—Albert O., m. Mar. 8, 1896, Nellie M. dau. of Amasa and Nellie Carter; Lizzie V., m. May 10, 1895, Henry A. Ames; Gertie M., m. Feb. 27, 1897, Augustus T. Sawyer; Grace L., b. Oct. 11, 1894; Florence B., m. Feb. 1906, Norman Poland; Eva E., b. Aug. 22, 1888; Arthur C., b. Feb. 5, 1881; Birney M., b. Mar. 17, 1885; Percy E., b. Sept. 18, 1891.

### Abial Cobb

Abial and Eunice Cobb here in 1821. Children:—Lucinda, b. Dec. 12, 1817; William, b. Feb. 27, 1819; Joseph, b. July 11, 1820.

## Coombs

Jesse and Dorcas Coombs. Children:—Nathaniel Coombs, b. Apr. 13, 1814; Isaac, b. June 3, 1819; Jesse, Jr., b. m. June 19, 1822, Mary Libby. Children:—Arthur, b. Dec. 13, 1822; Dorcas Danford, b. Oct. 15, 1825; Priscilla T., b. Mar. 14, 1828; Rosanna L., b. Nov. 29, 1831.

This family lived on the farm now owned by Wm. W. Gordon between W. Peru and Dickvale. They all left town and removed to town of Lisbon in the forties.

## William Cox

Wm., b. Hartford 1821, the son of Aaron Cox and Lucy Parsons, b. Buckfield, m. Louisa, b. Raymond 1825, dau. of Thomas Dyer and Hannah Parsons, b. Buckfield. Mr. Cox enlisted Co. C, 20th Regt. Me. Vols., Pvt. Recd. an honorable discharge. Was granted a pension. He was an upright Christian and his wife shared with him the joys of a Christian hope through life. Their children:—Eley Jane, b. Mar. 25, 1847, d. 1872; R. Lualla, b. June 3, 1852, d. 1876; Wm. F., b. Dec. 17, 1855, d. Apr. 1, 1856; Wm. R., b. Apr. 14, 1848, d. May 12, 1848; Georgeanna, b. Feb. 21, 1850, d. Apr. 6, 1850; Hannah E., b. Apr. 14, 1857, d. 1876. Mr. Cox was on a small farm on the old county road that led from the O. L. Knight place over the mountain, located on the East side of the road at the foot of the mountain range. Most of the children were reared and died there. He d. Dec. 19, 1903, ae. 82 yrs. 9 mos. at West Peru. His wife d. May 27, 1897, ae. 72 yrs. 3 mos.

The Cox family came from Buckfield, two brothers, Aaron P. and William and two sisters, Judith P. and Lucy P. were residents in Peru, and excepting the last named, they lived and died there. Lucy P., m. Oct. 3, 1869, Otis N. Haskell, in Hebron.

Aaron P. Cox, b. Mar. 4, 1818, d. Sept. 23, 1876, m. Elizabeth H., b. Buckfield, Aug. 28, 1828, d. Feb. 24, 1903, dau. of Isaiah Cothell and Margaret Buck, b. Buckfield. Children and their marriage:—Edward, b. Nov. 23, 1846, m. Etta, dau. of Otis N. Haskell of Hebron. 5 children:—Amanda V., Florence E., Aaron E., Arthur F. and Chas. E. Amanda M., b. May 30, 1853, Buckfield, m. Pub. Oct. 15, 1869, Albion K. Trask. No issue; Wm. H., b. June 28, 1860, unmarried; Emery E., b. Apr. 8, 1865, m. 1897, Edith M., b. Peru, June 30, 1870, dau. of Warren F. Curtis. Children:—Helena A., Beula E. Edith M. Cox, the wife,

d. Mar. 5, 1909, on Levi Randall farm. Lucy P., the mother of Aaron P., d. in Peru Dec. 24, 1877, ae. 91 yrs. 8 mos. 14 dys. and his sister, Judith P., d. Sept. 7, 1889, ae. 80 yrs. 1 mo. 7 dys.

Mr. Cox and family lived at Worthly Pond on the James Irish farm.

## Curtis

Alvah M. Curtis, a native of Paris and a successful school teacher, taught the village school at West Peru in the late eighties. He made the acquaintance of one of Peru's fair daughters, Miss Addie Ella Hall, dau. of our much respected townsman, Josiah Hall, resulting in their marriage.

Mr. Curtis settled on the farm owned in 1860 by Bowers Walton and in the late eighties by Merrill Knight 2nd. Mr. Curtis was his successor. He is an enterprising, industrious farmer. Child:—Hazel M.

## Granville F. Child

Granville F. Child, b. Apr. 18, 1842, the son of Granville, of Franklin Plantation, m. Oct. 20, 1861, Viola B., b. June 23, 1843, the dau. of Elbridge and Silence Hopkins Wing. The parent, Granville, was brother to Joseph Child, also to Wm. Child, who kept tavern at Bretton's Mills, Livermore in the days of Sawtelle's stage line. This race were reputed, honest and honorable. Joseph was quite noted. Granville F. and wife were Christians. He departed this life July 31, 1901. Their children:—Charles N., b. Nov. 25, 1863, m. Nellie B., b. Sept. 13, 1869, d. May 25, 1902, dau. of Samuel Lovejoy; Geo. V. Child, Co. C, 8th Me., war 1861, m. Emma C. Card (widow); Wm. W., m. Etta E. Card, b. to wife Jan. 31, 1910, a son, dau. of Emma C.; Arthur L., b. Sept. 9, 1871, m. Lucy, dau. of John A. Putnam. Wife d. Feb. 17, 1898, ae. 19 yrs.; Mary E., m. Enos Farnham in Milton; Percy E., m. ——— Lamb in Dixfield; Clarence E., m. ——— Smith; Elbridge G., m. Anna M., dau. of Samuel Hammon, Jr. Wife d. June 6, 1906. He m. 2nd, Nov. 30, 1908, Jennie, dau. of Chas. G. and Abbie K. Irish. They are farmers on his parents' homestead farm.

Children of Charles N. and Nellie B.:—Genevieve M., b. 1885, d. 1902; Leon Walter, b. m. Aug. 23, 1909, Pearl L. Miller. The son of Elbridge G. by 1st wife is Elmer L. Child.

## Homer Child

Homer Child, b. Livermore, Sept. 2, 1829, was the son of Marshall Child and Olive Stetson of Hartford. Marshall was a resident in Peru a term of years before the war, in the vicinity of Worthly Pond. His 2nd wife was Sarah L. Ames of Jay, m. Pub. Sept. 21, 1864. He removed to Livermore. Homer Child was a soldier, Co. G, 1st Me. Cav. He d. Mar. 13, 1896. He sustained gun shot wound in ankle and contracted other disabilities for which he was pensioned. He was upright and commendable in all deportment. He m. Aug. 6, 1863, Martha Jane, b. Aug. 17, 1841, the dau. of Wm. K. and Polly Ellis Ripley. Children of Homer Child were:—Perley K., b. July 3, 1866; Lizzy A., b. Feb. 11, 1868; Mabel R., b. Aug. 21, 1870, d. Sept. 1, 1870; Lillian E., b. Mar. 21, 1872; Edith M., b. Sept. 13, 1874; Flora M., b. May 9, 1877; Wm. M., b. June 4, 1880; Arthur B., b. Apr. 19, 1883; Sarah D., b. Aug. 24, 1886.

Marriages:—Perley K., m. Mar. 14, 1899; Sarah D. Howard. Children:—Harold P., b. Aug. 18, 1900; Mabel Estelle, b. June 4, 1906. Lizzie A., m. Dec. 29, 1896, Geo. W. Watson, b. Jan. 30, 1866, d. Aug. 10, 1906. Monument, West Peru. No issue; Lillian E., m. Apr. 28, 1898, Clinton E. Child, son of Hiram and Hannah Child. Two sons, Elmer M. and Leon R.; Edith M., m. Sept. 28, 1893, Thomas C. Oldham, son of Daniel; Flora M., m. Nov. 17, 1897, Eugene O. Kidder, son of John. Children:—2, Elroy Carlton, Lurline H.; Wm. M., m. May 23, 1890, Susie M. Knox, dau. of Chester L. and Flavilla (Whitman) Knox; Sarah D., m. July 9, 1907, Carson L. Beedy.

Hiram Child, a brother of Marshall, m. Hannah, dau. of Martin Ellis. This family resided in Peru in the sixties. Their children:—Nettie L., b. Aug. 19, 1861, m. Will Hill in Malden, Mass.; Clinton E., b. Feb. 22, 1863; Emerson L., b. May 3, 1865.

## Stephen R. Chase

Stephen R. Chase, b. Weld, son of Nathan R., b. Springfield, Mass. and Lois P. Ring, b. Ware, N. H., m. Hattie, dau. of Winfield S. Shackley and wife Louisa, who moved from Canton in late forties having purchased the Wm. Thorn place, now the Nathan Harlow farm. This was Mr. Chase's second marriage. He owned what was the Solomon T. Alden farm. He did some farming and blacksmithing. He d. Oct. 24, 1902, ae. 67 yrs. 21½ mos. in Peru leaving a widow, dau. Georgeanna, and son George, by first wife.

George Chase, b. m. 1895, Lula Alice, dau. of Enos Gould. Son, Harold G., b. Mar. 1902. He is a farmer and blacksmith near Valley road, Dixfield. Prosperous.

Stephen R. Chase, m. 1st, Marilla Hanneford, sister to Nelson. Wife d. at Berry's Mills, Carthage. Their dau. m. Wm. Adams, her fifth husband.

### James M. Carter

James M. Carter of Rumford m. Oct. 29, 1845, Martha A., b. Apr. 4, 1817, d. July 3, 1896, dau. of Francis Waite. This family removed to the Waite farm to care for wife's parents and thus heired the farm. Their dau. Ellen, and her mother d. there. Children:—Amasa F., m. 1st, Nellie M., b. Jan. 2, 1857, dau. of Algernon Knox. Their dau. Nellie m. Albert O., son of Wm. Henry Conant. Nellie M. Carter d. Oct. 1, 1878, ae. 20 yrs. 9 mos. Amasa F. m. 2nd, Nov. 18, 1885, Minnie B. Farrar of Woodstock. Ellen D., b. 1853, d. May 26, 1882, unmarried; Mary A., m. Dwight L. Hall. Amasa F. and wife removed to Hartford. No issue.

### Isaac Chase

Isaac Chase, son of Rev. Nathaniel Chase of Buckfield, was b. Apr. 6, 1815, d. May 2, 1879. His 1st wife, Philena F. Swett, b. July 20, 1818, d. Jan. 21, 1848. Mr. Chase was a prominent citizen in town, a school teacher several years. He served in all the town offices repeatedly and was Capt. at one time of Peru's quota of militia in the forties. Children:—DeWitt Clinton, b. Dec. 3, 1837, m. Pub. May 18, 1859, Florentine E. Newman, dau. of Col. Oliver Newman of Carthage. Wife d. He m. 2nd her sister, Clara. They moved to Lagrange, Ill. Wife left husband and remarried in Wilton, Me. Chase m. 3d and lives in South Dakota; Leroy Chase, b. July 20, 1839, d. Oct. 16, 1844; Leslie Howard, b. Sept. 24, 1843, served Pvt. Co. C, 8th Me. Inf. Vols. on Peru's quota 2 yrs. He and wife Mary, reside in Kingston, Washington Territory; Leroy Roello, b. Oct. 17, 1845, m. 1st wife Kate. She d. 2nd wife named Sisseton. They keep hotel in South Dakota; Isaac Chase Morrill, b. Nov. 9, 1847, adopted by Enoch and Salome Morrill soon after the death of Mrs. Chase. Mr. Chase m. 2nd, Apr. 11, 1852, Angelia Shackley, sister to Monroe Shackley of Canton. Children:—Clarence M., b. Nov. 23, 1856, d. Mar. 2, 1865; Lena F., b. 1863, d. 1872; Philena F., b. May 16, 1863, d. Feb. 16, 1872; Henry A., b. Nov. 26, 1853, m. June 28, 1899, Priscilla C. A. Kidder (widow.) They are enter-

prising, prosperous farmers on the old homestead; Chas. C., b. May 9, 1875, m. Nov. 1899, Maud, dau. of Chas. Holt of Canton. Children:—Cerial, Iowa, Eunice, Violet. Residence, Livermore Falls. Widow Angelia Chase had a home with son, Henry A. through life. She demised Jan. 31, 1909. Thus ended an industrious useful life. This family have been prominent members of Rockemeka Grange many years. Mrs. Chase was dau. of John S. Lunt. Her first husband was Frank E. Kidder on Loren Irish farm.

### Jesse Cushman

Jesse Cushman m. Sept. 11, 1845, Mariah, dau. of Sammel Hammon. He d. June 17, 1887, ae. 66 yrs. 5 mos. Children:—Gilman V., b. Mar. 5, 1846, d. Oct. 22, 1852; Wm. Gustine, b. Feb. 1, 1848, d. Oct. 15, 1852; Ann Louisa, b. Aug. 9, 1849, d. Oct. 28, 1852; Lydia Emily, b. Oct. 4, 1851; Frances Katherine, b. July 23, 1854; John Gilman, b. Feb. 13, 1856. This family moved to Carthage, Me.

Records show Anna Cushman about three years younger than Jesse; m. June 30, 1845, Samuel Hammon, Jr. Wife was about one yr. older than husband. Dates indicate probability that she was sister to Jesse.

### Caldwell

John A. Caldwell, b. around 1841, whose mother married James M. Demerritt. He m. Nov. 25, 1866, Augusta J., dau. of Thomas Lord. Mr. Caldwell was a soldier in the Civil War. He lives out West. He was Corp. Co. F, 9th Me.

### Churchill

Andrew Jackson Churchill was the son of a sea captain, Andrew Churchill, b. Plymouth, Mass. and Polly Oldham, b. 1781 in Pembroke, Mass. She was a sister to Thaddens Oldham, Sr., who removed from Sumner with Mrs. Churchill and two children in 1827.

Andrew J. Churchill was born June 12, 1821 in Sumner, d. Jan. 22, 1892 in Peru Annex. He m. around 1848, Nancy Wyman. She d. Apr. 27, 1893. Their children:—Nancy Jane, b. May 7, 1849, d. Oct. 2, 1864, did not marry; Phebe Frances, b. July 3, 1850, m. Apr. 7, 1870, Albert L. Gowell. He d. in early 1905. Wife d. Nov. 11, 1875; no issue. Andrew, b. m. Sept. 12, 1896, Clara E., b. July 4, 1876, dau. of Warren F. Curtis of Peru. Andrew was foreman of paper mill at Johnsonburg, Pa. Last

residence, Long Beach, Cal. Children:—Norman A., b. May 4, 1893, d. Oct. 12, 1901; Warren J., b. 1899; Frank A., b. Oct. 1900. Andrew J. Churchill followed farming at the foot of Worthly Pond, many years on the Hartwell Oldham farm. He attained some prominence in town affairs and filled various offices. In 1871 he was elected a representative to Legislature from Peru. This family were regular church attendants.

### Dorr Family

Two brothers of the Dorr family, David and wife Sarah, and Nathaniel with wife Mary, dau. of Merrill Knight, were in town at date of incorporation. Plan. meeting, Apr. 3, 1815. Voted to lay out a road to accommodate Mr. David Dorr. This doubtless was a continuation of road from Adam Knight farm going N. W. to Samuel Knight place, afterwards Jeremiah Hall farm. There was a neighborhood between the points named on the West side of the hill range that includes Morrill Ledge. David Dorr was a pioneer settler here, continuing through life. So long as the pine trees held out on the mountain lot and he was able to cut and shave shingle, he kept the wolf from the door. Writer recollects him in early forties. There is no record when he died; wife d. Apr. 3, 1855, or of any children. Nathaniel and wife, Mary, have record of ten children. He d. Oct. 11, 1840. Children:—Mary Jane, b. Dec. 6, 1821; Samuel G., b. July 2, 1826, went to Mass. and died; Lucretia and John M., b. Aug. 31, 1828 in No. 2; Winslow, b. Feb. 19, 1831; Peter W., b. Mar. 1, 1833; Adelia A., b. Dec. 9, 1835; Sally, b. May 9, 1838; Sarah Ann, b. Mar. 19, 1823, in No. 2, d. Aug. 1824; Monthea E., b. Oct. 18, 1840. The first mention of paupers struck off to the lowest bidder was March meeting, 1824, when this couple were bid off as follows:—Nathaniel Dorr by Adam Knight at one cent per week and his wife and child by Daniel Lunt at 55 cts per week and it was there quite likely that Sarah Ann d. Aug. 1824. Truly the world doth move.

### Dean

The Irving Dean farm on road leading from Worthly Pond to North Hartford was before the war the Marshall Child place. Irving was the son of Thomas C., b. 1828, d. 1866 and Eleanor M. Dean, b. 1833, d. 1884 on this farm, also their dau., Emma F., b. 1860, d. 1878. Irving A., b. 1856. Flora E. Dean m. Apr. 23, 1880. Henry W. Longley, Lewiston. Irving Dean lives on his

farm in the family of John S. Russell. Record shows family of Edmon S. and Hannah Dean. Children:—Elenette, b. May 21, 1852; Adelbert E., b. Apr. 25, 1854.

### Drown

Record of Ezra and Elmira Drown, dau. of Stephen Wing. Geo. Frederic, b. Nov. 30, 1841, in Peru; Betsey Diana, b. Oct. 23, 1845, in Peru; Wm. F., b. Dec. 14, 1849, in Dixfield. Residence on Grover farm. Lucius and Jemima Doble. Child:—Ernest Doble, b. Jan. 1860.

### Delano Brothers

The Delano brothers, Jabez, Abial and John, came from Livermore to Peru prior to 1821. We find them with their families here: Jabez and Grace and children:—Sarah, b. 1791, d. Sept. 25, 1836; Jabez, Jr., b. 1799, d. 1854; Abigail Sophia, b. July 10, 1804; Daniel, b. July 12, 1807. Wife Grace d. Feb. 29, 1831, *ae.* 63 yrs. Parent Jabez m. 2nd, Jan. 1835, Jane Cushman, in Sumner. Abial Delano, wife Sarah, joined Baptist Church 1818 and 1819, and children, Dolly Ann and Harriet. No further record of this family. Writer recollects Mr. Delano. He was a very spare man in the face, had a voracious appetite, which condition was incompatible with his finances. His wife died and family was broken up in the thirties or earlier. His dau., Harriet, went to live with the family of Geo. Walker and grew up. She married in Carthage. Mr. Delano left town in the forties. John and wife, Mehitable, b. 1798, d. Jan. 31, 1849 in Peru. Children:—Benj. S., b. Feb. 15, 1821, d. Oct. 19, 1825; Elias, b. Aug. 19, 1822, d. Oct. 10, 1825; Louisa, b. Dec. 16 1824, d. Oct. 15, 1825; William W., b. Feb. 4, 1827; Elias N., b. June 2, 1831; Louisa B., b. Dec. 19, 1833, m. June 2, 1855, Daniel W. Libby in Carthage; John Wesley, b. Nov. 20, 1836. He married, had several children, was living in Carthage, removed to Peru and in 1884 removed to Aroostook County, the last known of the family.

John Delano m. 2nd, Feb. 28, 1850, Asenath Cushman, in Livermore. He probably died there. His son, Wm. W., m. Nov. 22, 1855, Betsey Rosette Dorr, a sister of Cyrus. It is known they had three children or more, two sons of whom Fred, the younger, was a resident of Peru and a member of the school committee in the eighties. His mother, a widow, and his sister, were then living at West Peru. Mrs. Betsey Rosette Delano died there at the Thomas Demeritt house. Fred and sister returned to

Oxford, Me. Writer learns, 1911, that Jabez, Abial and John Delano aforementioned were the sons of Jabez Delano, who was a soldier of the war of the Revolution, of Livermore. He was in Peru probably on a visit to his sons at one time. Elias N. Delano was located at East Peru before the war. His line of work was wheelwright and carriage repairer. He left town.

### Daniel Delano

Daniel Delano, the son of Jabez, d. Aug. 4, 1865, m. Jan. 1, 1829, Lydia J. Maxim, b. in Sweden around 1809, d. Oct. 2, 1898. Children:—Lorenzo D., b. July 10, 1831, d. Dec. 12, 1896; Arvilla Cain, b. Dec. 30, 1833, m. Keen, had 3 children, d. on home farm, Apr. 24, 1865; Malissa B., b. May 2, 1836, d. July 2, 1836; Lydia Jane, b. Aug. 2, 1839, d. Dec. 24, 1859; Chas. G., b. Aug. 4, 1840, m. Pub. Mar. 21, 1870, Addie Saunders, in Dixfield. Their dau., Helen, married, d. May 1908. Chas. G. was a soldier in the Civil War, Co. E, 5th Maine. Is a farmer in comfortable circumstances on Weld street, Dixfield; Orlando D., b. May 1, 1844. Residence, Nampa, Idaho. Unmarried. He visited Peru in winter of 1908-9, at the home of his childhood; Daniel Dexter, b. Aug. 30, 1846, m. May 18, 1878, Augusta L., b. 1853, dau. of Luther Burgess and Lucy Decker. Wife d. Jan. 17, 1879. No issue. Married 2nd, Aug. 26, 1879, Laura Burgess, a sister to first wife. Children:—Amy, b. 1882, d. Feb. 12, 1901; Rosie L.; Ernest O.; Annis Smith, b. Aug. 9, 1849, m. James M. Hannaford of Paris. Live at Mechanic Falls. Residence of Daniel Dexter, Peru, till about 1907, when family removed to Leeds. He served in Co. I, 29th Me. Musician, war of 1861.

Lorenzo D. Delano m. Nov. 22, 1855, Fannie H., b. June 13, 1835, the dau. of Seth W. and Elnora Jackson in Peru. Husband d. Dec. 12, 1896. Wife d. July 30, 1908. Children:—Oscar R., b. Aug. 23, 1856, m. May 12, 1883, Josephine M., dau. of Daniel and Henrietta D. Fletcher. No issue. Hattie Matilda, b. Jan. 9, 1859, m. Lucellus D. Leadbetter; Mary Angie, b. Apr. 25, 1862, d. Sept. 25, 1863; Lottie B., b. Dec. 29, 1864, m. Alfred C. Hammon. Children:—Stanley J., Lalea M., Stewart N. Residence, Franklin Annex; Annie May, b. May 22, 1871, m. Joseph A. Putnam. Children:—Cecil I., Celon E., Ronello B., Hattie M., dau. b. May 2, 1909; Orlando L., b. Nov. 14, 1873. Residence, Idaho. Unmarried. Visited home farm, owned by Oscar R., Jan. 1909, in Peru. Deforest O., m. 1st, Una Farrar, divorced, m. 2nd, Apr. 16, 1906, Carrie F. Rice, widowed, dau. of John F. Nute, b.

Lincoln and Pauline Chisholm, b. Pr. Ed. Isld., son Louis Rice, by first m. This family live on home farm, formerly the Sumner R. Newell farm.

## Demeritt

Frank Demeritt, m. Feb. 18, 1868, Rosan P., dau. of Lorenzo Knight and Relief E. Durell. Children:—James L., b. Oct. 5, 1868, m. 1st, Sarah A., dau. of John Smith of Pioneer, N. B. Wife d. Jan. 13, 1900. Had dau., Eva May, d. Oct. 26, 1897. He m. 2nd, Ardelle Mae Nadeau. This man has served on the police force at Rumford Falls a term of years; Edward S., b. Mar. 24, 1870, m. Oct. 1, 1890, Ida J., dau. of Wm. Burgess. Have dau., Ethel M., b. Oct. 16, 1892; Charles C., b. Feb. 11, 1877, m. Feb. 1900, Nettie L., dau. of Granville Thurston of Rumford; Etta A. Demeritt, b. Jan. 12, 1885; Abbie M., b. Apr. 3, 1887, m. Nov. 30, 1910, John A. McIntire of Dixfield.

Frank Demeritt is one of Peru's energetic, prosperous farmers. He is a public benefactor, in setting apart a nice large plot of his farm for a public cemetery, a great convenience to this section of Peru. Etta A. Demeritt m. Dec. 24, 1910, Cecil L., son of Joseph A. Putnam, both of West Peru.

Col. Thomas J. Demeritt, b. July 20, 1807, d. Mar. 19, 1876. His 1st wife, Avis B., d. July 21, 1850. Children:—Abby P., b. in N. H., Oct. 4, 1844; George J., b. in N. H. Nov. 4, 1845, a Pvt. Co. F, 20th Me., d. Apr. 20, 1864, buried Grand Cove, La.; Mary F., b. N. H., Oct. 19, 1846, m. in Peru, Oct. 8, 1867, Geo. E. Hall, son of Liberty Hall, one of the nine Hall brothers.

Col. Demeritt m. 2nd, Nov. 18, 1850, Hannah L., b. Feb. 14, 1815, dau. of David Atkins. Wife d. Mar. 2, 1854. Children:—Vesta Ellen, b. Sept. 18, 1851, m. Willis Dearborn in Auburn, Me. Children:—Edna, Eva, Lena, Calvin Willis. He m. 3d Pub. July 19, 1854, Lucretia H., b. Livermore, May 25, 1822, d. Peru, Oct. 22, 1902, a sister of 2nd wife. Children: Emily B., b. June 15, d. Dec. 1855; Jesse Fremont, b. June 21, 1856, m. Leavitt M. Knight; Ardella Elizabeth, b. July 30, 1858, m. Geo. L. Rowe; Elmer Ellsworth, b. May 8, 1861, m. May 10, 1889, Valerie L. b. Mar. 23, 1868, dau. of Wm. H. and Marietta J. Hodgdon of Epping, N. H. Children:—Ariel I. Demeritt, b. Mar. 15, 1897; Edward Selden, b. Mar. 4, d. Apr. 3, 1866. Elmer Ellsworth and wife are prosperous farmers at West Peru.

## Dyer

Eleazer Parsons Dyer, b. Raymond, son of Thomas Dyer, b. Cape Elizabeth, m. Pub. Oct. 6, 1856, Mary M. Ranlett. No children. They lived in a small cottage on Green Woods road, beyond Worthly Pond, near Sumner. He had but little arable land, and worked out some for their support. His enterprise and calculation proved insufficient for the path he had mapped out. Ere long he neglected wife and left her to care for herself. He was brother to wife of Wm. Cox, also to 2nd wife of Thaddeus Oldham, Jr. Parsons Dyer shifted about ever after, living in Cox family, on Town Farm and finally with Elias S. Oldham, where he d. Mar. 9, 1905, ae. 77 yrs. There were other settlers near by the Dyer place before the war, one where the relics of the old orchard is seen. The last occupant of the Dyer cottage was Stephen E. Cothell and wife. He enlisted in the 12th Me. Regt. in 1863, from Canton, joined command at Camp Parapet in Apr. 1864. He suffered from army disability, aggravated by imprudence in diet, was sent to hospital from Tenlytown, Aug. 1864, where he d. of disease Oct. 7, 1864. Caleb Delano of Canton in same Regt. was killed at battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.

## Decoster Family

James Sullivan Decoster came from Buckfield to Peru in early forties and located on the Stephen Gammon place adjoining the Francis Waite farm. He was able to pay down on this purchase and had a comfortable home for his children while they grew up. He worked out by the day much of the time rather than cultivate his farm, and make improvements. After about sixteen years store bills for the necessities of life were allowed to accumulate. First a mortgage on the cow, followed by mortgage on farm and war prices of farm products and all goods resulted in a sale of his farm to Jonas Greene, and Mr. Decoster returned with family to Buckfield during the Civil War.

He m. Charlotte Skillings, a sister to 2nd wife of Stephen Gammon. Children b. in Peru. John Decoster, b. Sept. 26, 1844. Enlisted in Co. D, 12th Regt. Me. Vols., Dec. 1863, discharged Apr. 18, 1866. Pending service he had sickness of measles and typho malarial fever, resulting in mental and physical incapacity. He was a pauper on town of Buckfield in 1891, granted a pension under ninety law in 1892 as insane. Wilson Shaw, gaurdian. Children:—Arthur Leroy, b. Jan. 21, 1848.

Writer received a letter from him post marked Deronda, Wis., Aug. 3, 1903. Letter was addressed to Postmaster, Peru, inquiring after old associates. Correspondence was opened with Mr. O. C. Hopkins; Frances Abby, b. Dec. 23, 1850; Clara Delora, b. Aug. 6, 1853; Flora Arabell, b. May 19, 1857. John D. Decoster was living with his second guardian in Hartford, when in the late fall or early winter of 1903, he suicided by hanging.

### Theodore S. Downes

Theodore S. Downes, ae. 38 yrs. S. Must. on quota of Mexico, Aug. 14, 1862, Pvt. Co. D, 16th Me. He was accidentally wounded Nov. 4, 1862 and discharged Dec. 13, 1862. Such is his war record. He married, wife unknown to writer. The family and two of their children were residents of Peru around 1879, living probably on the Chas. York place, or in that vicinity. Their dau. Evelyn was with them off and on. She m. subsequently, July 15, 1883, Wm. Coffren of Phillips and left town. John F. Downes m. Feb. 18, 1879, Eldora E., dau. of Josiah Frost. They lived several years at West Peru on road to Rd. Falls. Wife d. Mar. 10, 1901. The last known of John, he was tending stable at Lewiston. Theodore S. Downes was invalid by reason of loss of right hand and arm, and unable to support self and wife. When a man of his years volunteers for \$12 per month to endure the hardship, privation and exposure of a soldier, to engage in battle with cannon and musket, for the American flag, he should be revered, though he sleep in a pauper's grave. Wheeler Tracy, Peleg Mitchell and Mr. Downes and others are of this class in service. Mr. Downes passed this life in 1882, ae. 58 yrs., U. S. marker in Dickvale Cemetery, bears his name, Co. and Regt.

### Davis

Geo. H. Davis, b. Oct. 16, 1825, d. Oct. 2, 1898. Settled at East Peru in 1859, m. around 1848, Caroline P. Glass, of Canton. She d. 1908 in family of daughter, in Sumner. Their residence was near the school house at East Peru, now the T. J. Rolls place. Children:—Isaiah Davis, b. Mar. 21, 1849; Ruth M., b. Jan. 22, 1851, d. Sept. 17, 1852 at East Peru; Charles H., b. Dec. 31, 1852, d. Jan. 25, 1862; Franklin Pierce, b. Jan. 26, 1855; Samuel, b. ———. Residence in 1893 was Berlin, N. H.; Catherine L., b. Dec. 23, 1859, in Peru; Charles, b. June 26, 1869. Residence, Berlin, N. H., 1899, unmarried; Hacker, b. was a

member of Co. I, 31st Me. He m., had several children. Residence last known in Sumner. He is a pensioner.

Geo. H. Davis and Caroline P. were divorced by decree of court, Sept. 24, 1881. He m. 2nd Pub. Dec. 11, 1882, Sarah R., widow of Daniel Haines. She was the dau. of Alpheus Burgess. Their son, James G., b. Nov. 28, 1887; Sarah R. d. Aug. 24, 1890; Geo. H. m. 3d, June 23, 1892, Lucy A. Webber (widow) at Augusta, Me. They moved to Canton village where he d. Oct. 2, 1898. Geo. H. Davis served in Co. G, 10th Me. Was a pensioner. His widow is a pensioner at Canton village.

### Cyrus Dorr

Cyrus Dorr, b. Mar. 22, 1835, d. June 17, 1882, m. Oct. 17, 1858, Zerviah B. Weaver, b. July 22, 1839, d. Sept. 3, 1889. Children:—Cora May, b. Nov. 22, 1859, m. Philip, son of Wm. Andrew; Ella C., b. Apr. 10, 1864, m. Samuel F. Robinson, Dec. 6, 1888; May F., b. Jan. 28, 1866; Olived Lena, b. May 8, 1871, m. Dec. 6, 1888, Chas. Mitchell; Eva Edell, b. Apr. 4, 1874, m. Dec. 25, 1905, Chas. Mathews; Cyrus I., b. June 18, 1876, m. 1903, Lillian Knapp.

### Davenport

Cyrus, b. Wayne, Aug. 20, 1823, d. Peru, Sept. 23, 1906, son of Jonathan B. and Lucy (Stevens) Davenport, m. Lucy F., b. June 6, 1828, d. Oct. 6, 1907, dau. of Jacob Allen and Johanna Bryant. This family came to Peru in 1850 and settled on High street, so called. His farm was formerly the residence of Gustavus York. Children:—Herbert B. Davenport m. Eunice Mariah Bray. Residence, Turner; Fred H., residence, South Auburn; Mary L., b. May 27, 1858, m. Elmer W. Knox; Ellen d. young; Leonard H., m. Elnora B., dau. of Wm. L. Knight. Their son, Ernest W., m. dau. of Chas. Newton, Dixfield. Child:—A son b. Mar. 21, 1910.

### Cyrus Dunn

Cyrus Dunn, b. Poland, Me., 1814, son of Josiah and Lillis Jordan, b. Poland, and wife Sophia F., b. 1813, d. Mar. 27, 1869. Mr. Dunn came to Peru in the forties. He bought the brick house near the cemetery at West Peru and made bricks on land subsequently owned by J. M. Demerritt. He was a mason by trade and the first one in those years who built chimneys that would carry

smoke. He built Union Hall and the school room in 1860, laying most of the brick himself. He was an enterprising man. He made a clearing on Peru side of Black Mountain and got several acres in grass, built a barn there and filled it with hay. He built a saw mill up there near a small ravine where melting snows formed a water power sufficient to run an up and down saw while the snow melted. He sought the location of a county road from Dickvale, leading near the foot of Mt. Dick through the divide to Worthly Pond. He had the route bushed out and viewed by the County Commissioners. At a hearing before the officials one of petitioners was asked relative to the varying elevation of the route through. The reply was: "Going one way it is perfectly level, the reverse is a leetle rising." The petition was denied and mountain, farm and mill were abandoned. Drifting snow broke barn roof down. Children:—Valmore Augustin, b. Mar. 17, 1840; Sarah Emery, b. Feb. 16, 1842, m. Pub. Apr. 9, 1864. Virgil D. Billings, Woodstock; Clara Sophia, b. Mar. 16, 1844, m. Feb. 14, 1863, Abram Doble; Charles D., b. Mar. 4, 1848, m. Pub. Nov. 3, 1866, Addie H. Spofford, Milton; Cyrus B., b. Oct. 28, 1855.

Valmore A. worked blacksmithing several years on Back street, West of Ridge road, on Ripley Knox place. He was rated a good horse shoer. Residence last known, Sumner. He m. 1st June 18, 1859, Avilda, b. June 21, 1842, dau. of Elihanan Ford. She d. Nov. 6, 1881. Their children:—Lena E., b. Nov. 21, 1859, m. Nov. 24, 1892, d. June 30, 1893, David C. McIntire, New Gloucester, Me.; Minnie Etta, b. Feb. 2, 1862, m. June 16, 1885 Daniel Lunt, Falmouth; Lewis M., b. Mar. 4, 1865, m. Jan. 1, 1888, Effie M. Burgess. Their dau. Florence E., b. Mar. 31, 1892, d. Sept. 20, 1892; Nettie S., b. Feb. 12, 1867, m. Oct. 1886, Elmer E. Howe. Residence, Hanover, Me. Valmore A. m. 2nd, Minnie Dyer of South Lewiston. He m. 3d, Georgie Ella Dyer, sister to former wife. No issue by last wives. Valmore A. tended a clapboard machine in the Bishop saw mill at West Peru around the middle fifties, that cut the large spruce trees on his father's lot on Black Mountain into nice clear clapboard, eight or nine inches wide, from the round log.

Cyrus Dunn m. 2nd Pub. May 29, 1869, Margaret O. Akely of Milton. He d. June 30, 1897, ae. 82 yrs. 8 mos. Daniel Lunt, who married his granddaughter, taught several terms of school in Peru prior to his marriage, and was very popular as a teacher. He is the son of Benj. Lunt and Lucy McIntire, a sister to our towns-

man, Henry S. McIntire, and a sister to David McIntire before mentioned. This race of Lunts came from Newburyport and no kin to Peru Lunts.

## Deshon

Daniel Deshon first appears on Plan. record Mar. 1818. His wife, Salome, was the mother of twelve children. He was one of the few early settlers whose posterity yet occupy the old homestead, in the third generation of the family name. Melville T., grandson of the pioneer, still maintains the homestead in flourishing condition. Children:—Eliza J., b. Aug. 24, 1800, m. John Conant in Peru; Elmira, b. Dec. 9, 1803, d. June 30, 1805; John M., b. July 1, 1805, d. Apr. 4, 1880. His health was poor when a young man, and he was advised by Dr. Geo. W. Turner of Dixfield to drive a peddle cart. He found by experience it helped his dyspeptic trouble, and this shaped his career through life. He became a prominent and prosperous merchant and for many years a banker at Canton village. He was in trade fifty years, and the heaviest man financially of the town. He m. 1st June 21, 1835, Polly Hall, the widow of Jonathan Hall of Peru. They had no issue. Wife d. Mar. 13, 1836. He m. 2nd July 4, 1843, Sarah K. Ripley of Peru. No issue. He adopted one of his brother's sons, Herbert, by name, who succeeded him in his store and trade. John M. d. Apr. 4, 1880. His wife Sarah d. May 20, 1901. Mr. Deshon contributed to relieve debts on the homes of two of his sister Eliza's children, Mary and Lovina, thus securing to them homes, now occupied by their children.

Daniel Deshon was frequently seen on Sundays walking up the aisle of the old meeting house with stately tread and a gold headed cane in hand, in old time church going days. He d. Sept. 9, 1858, ae. 84 yrs. His wife d. Sept. 27, 1857, ae. 79 yrs. Other children:—Daniel G., b. May 20, 1807; Eliger, b. Jan. 15, 1809; Moses, b. Dec. 1810; Thomas M., b. Feb. 24, 1813; Poasel P., b. Oct. 31, 1814; Chas. F., b. Oct. 30, 1816; Lorenzo D., b. Dec. 13, 1819, d. July 21, 1821; Orlando, b. May 14, 1822. It is related that Daniel Webster once said that N. H. was a good state to emigrate from. It would seem that the above children, with the exception of Chas. F., believed that Peru was a good town to emigrate from and they left town early in life. Chas. F. continued on home farm through life, d. Mar. 3, 1891. He m. Oct. 2, 1842, Jenette L., b. Buckfield, Mar. 10, 1823, d. Nov. 11, 1901, dau. of Peleg Mitchell and Mary Snell, b. Turner. Mr. Deshon was an



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enterprising farmer and stone cutter, a good neighbor. He founded East Peru cemetery, and supplied a long needed want. He will go down in history as a public benefactor. Children:—Rosa-  
mond, b. July 14, 1843, d. July 16, 1863; Chas. Albert, b. Jan. 25,  
1846, soldier Co. I, 29th Me., m. Pub. Apr. 19, 1869, Lucy E.  
Merrill, b. Gorham, N. H. Their son, Chas. W., d. Jan. 12, 1899,  
ae. 2 yrs. Soldier d. 1899. Twins, Mary Jenette and Harriet  
Salome, b. Jan. 27, 1848. The former d. Feb. 21, 1863; Susan  
Lindsey, b. Dec. 9, 1849, m. Pub. Nov. 19, 1868, Alphonse W.  
Ellis in Canton; Matilda Jane, b. Dec. 4, 1851, d. Oct. 16, 1869;  
Thomas M., b. May 1, 1854; Ida Roxana, b. Mar. 5, 1855; Lillian  
Flora, b. May 6, 1858, m. Caleb R. Marsh Dec. 26, 1874. Their  
dau., Nettie M., d. ae. 7 yrs.; Wallace Deshon, b. Sept. 6, 1860, d.  
Aug. 31, 1861; Melville T. b. May 1, 1853, m. 1st Feb. 22, 1875,  
Addie J. Marsh. Wife d. May 20, 1884, ae. 28 yrs. 4 mos. 17 dys.  
Their children, Wallace S., who m. Mamie Heath of Gorham, N. H.,  
and Ellis F., Melville T. m. 2nd, Mabel C. Kidder of Canton, had  
two children. Addie, who m. John Berry of Hartford, and Dott.  
Wife d., m. 3d Apr. 3, 1907, Lena C., dau. of Chas. H. and Matilda  
J. (White) Kidder.

### Eastman

Victor A. Eastman, b. Nov. 1885, son of Dana Eastman, m.  
Oct. 26, 1910, Zephyr McGraw, both of Peru. Residence, West  
Peru village.

### Freeman

Here in 1821. There was a family of colored people among  
the early settlers consisting of Sampson and Catherine Freeman  
and four children, Peggy, Jane, Rhody and Jefferson. They lived  
and died on High street, known as the Knox neighborhood. The  
last two were born 1806 and 1809, respectively. Mr. Freeman was  
one of the members who founded the Baptist Church in Peru in  
1818. Mr. Freeman was living June 23, 1827 and expelled from  
church. Intemperate.

### Frazier

Thomas, d. Aug. 8, 1855, ae. 82 yrs., and Abigail Frazier were  
residents of Peru as early as 1824 or earlier. Mrs. Frazier d.  
Feb. 21, 1847, ae. 68 yrs. They were located below the Albert S.  
Holman farm, East Peru, on what was the Haskell place after-  
wards. Children born before coming to Peru. Joseph R., b. Feb.

28, 1799; Zilpah B., b. Mar. 2, 1801; Orrin R., b. Jan. 22, 1803, d. Aug. 3, 1883; Sumner, b. May 15, 1806, d. June 19, 1850; Alvan, b. May 1, 1808; Mary, b. May 27, 1812; Sarah Jane, b. Sept. 1, 1814, m. Levi Lunt in Peru; Louisa, b. Aug. 16, 1817. Though these children are recorded as residents of the town, writer believes but few of them lived here; Sumner, m. Pub. May 24, 1833, Sarah R. Tilson, d. Mar. 1, 1850. Children:—Elmer A., b. Jan. 20, 1838, d. at E. Sumner. His widow is living there; Albinus K. M., b. Apr., d. Dec. 1844. Orrin R. and wife, Lucy C. Frazier. The latter d. Nov. 20, 1875, ae. 75 yrs. 23 dys. Thomas Frazier served in place of Jacob Brown, Selectman, in 1829.

### French Family

William F. and Elois (Barnell) French and a good family of children were residents on the East side of Worthly Pond, well up and near the Hiram Oldham place, in late thirties and early forties. Birth of children represents they came from Windham. Mr. French was an old time shoe maker, who cut and made shoes by measure of feet, from honest leather, that did honest service; no split leather or hot liquor tanning; shoes that fitted the feet. They would command a big price in these days of sham and shoddy. Children:—Mary A., b. Apr. 10, 1818, m. Daniel L. Conant; Joseph B., b. Feb. 6, 1820; Susan, b. Oct. 2, 1823, m. 1st, Daniel Gammon, parted. 2nd, John Williams in Portland; Eunice, b. Aug. 15, 1825, m. Eleazer A. Poland; Wm. F., b. Nov. 16, 1827, m. in Portland, had son, Charles and dau. Elizabeth, both dead; Elizabeth, b. Apr. 29, 1832, d. 1890, m. Eben Small in Portland. He d. Their dau., Georgia, m. Melvin Hodgdon in Portland.

### Fernald

Record shows family, Edmond and Betsey Fernald and son, Isaiah, b. Oct. 24, 1820. Residence, Peru in 1821.

### Lysander Foster

Lysander Foster, a farmer on the hill range above the Bassett buildings, in the vicinity of Worthly Pond m. May 10, 1840, Polly, dau. of Sylvanus Poland. Children:—Mary Jane, b. July 13, 1841, m. Jan. 12, 1862, John F. Gowell. Had two children, Frank E., b. Jan. 26, 1863; Etta F., b. Mar. 28, 1864; Lysander P. Foster, b. Oct. 7, 1843, Pvt. Co. F, 23d Me., d. in U. S. service

near Edwards Ferry, June 24, 1863; Benj. C., b. Nov. 6, 1845, m. Jan. 27, 1868, Almedia R. Irish. This son and wife and his parents moved to Hartford, Me. Lysander Foster d. Feb. 15, 1886, ae. 74 yrs. 10 mos. Wife d. Sept. 14, 1888, ae. 74 yrs. 3 mos. Imogene, wife of Edward C. Allen, d. Sept. 20, 1894, ae. 23 yrs., the dau. of Benj. C. Irish.

## Benjamin Fletcher

One of the pioneer settlers at Worthly Pond was an old soldier in war of 1812-14, Benj., b. July 5, 1798, the son of Thomas and Hepzibah Fletcher. Thomas and Hepzibah Fletcher both b. in Dunstable, Mass., b. Mar. 12, 1762, d. Apr. 25, 1843; b. Nov. 22, 1765, d. Sept. 4, 1854. Both in graves at Worthly Pond Cemetery, Peru. His wife, Mary, b. Dec. 12, 1796, d. Jan. 19, 1855. Mr. Fletcher d. Aug. 22, 1882, lived to be over 84 years old. He came from Massachusetts. Children:—Mary Jane Field, b. Nov. 7, 1827, m. around 1865, Benj. R. Irish, a soldier in 10th Me.; Stephen R. Fletcher, m. Pub. June 10, 1843, Lovesta Young. Children:—Nathaniel F., b. Aug. 11, 1843; Benj. Hill, b. Mar. 14, 1846; Emma A., b. May 24, 1848. This family left town around 1850 and were lost trace of.

## Ford Brothers

Two brothers, Geo. W. and Elhanan Ford, b. Oct. 18, 1808, d. Oct. 18, 1888, with their families were in town in the late forties, and the latter continued till the middle fifties or past. Geo. W. and Caroline Ford had dau. Sarah Celestia, b. June 6, 1847. Angeline M. Ford, a sister of the brothers, m. Merrill Knight, 2nd, and lived in Sumner where she died in 1848. Probably this was the native town of the Ford family. Capt. Elhanan was a blacksmith at what is now Djevale, a term of years and raised a family of children there. His dau., Avilda, b. June 21, 1842, m. June 18, 1859, Valmore A. Dunn. Capt. Ford's wife, Emily, b. Feb. 11, 1814, d. Feb. 11, 1898. Other children were Angeline M., who m. 1st, Orison Gammon, at Canton. She left him before the war and m. 2nd a Mr. Dresser in Turner, with whom she lived happily and had one daughter, Caroline Ford, b. May 8, 1830, m. Elias H. Lovejoy. Emily, b. Feb. 22, 1853, m. John Ham in Auburn. Samuel Adelbert, b. July 27, 1847. Augusta m. Thaddeus White in Dixfield. Another dau. m. Isaac Heath in Sumner. This family were honorable, industrious citizens. The daugh-

ters were all good wives, honest and true. It was no fault of her that one left her husband.

### Fletcher (A Separate Race)

Daniel Fletcher, b. Oct. 15, 1831 and wife, Henrietta D., b. Oct. 3, 1838, the dau. of Jonathan Buck. The town of Buckfield derived its name from him. Mr. Fletcher is one of Peru's well to do farmers, a noted stock raiser. He has a thrifty farm and a thrifty household of four generations. Three married couple all complete and offspring. This is rarely found in town, 1909. Children:—Clifton K., b. Mar. 25, 1869, d. July 7, 1876; Everett B., b. Feb. 7, 1858, m. Oct. 12, 1879, Cora B. Knight, b. Sept. 19, 1860; Josephine M., b. Apr. 31, 1860, m. Jan. 1, 1881, Oscar R. Delano. No issue. Children of Everett B.:—Grace G., b. July 10, 1887, d. May 23, 1903; Mary M., b. May 7, 1880, m. May 7, 1898, James Shea, residence, Rd. Falls; Jennie E. b. Nov. 3, 1893; Clifton D., b. May 10, 1883, m. Sept. 8, 1903, Carrie E. Perry of N. B. Their children:—Grace, b. Aug. 17, 1904; Gladys, b. June 3, 1906.

### James Fletcher

James Fletcher, a native of Sumner, m. Nov. 26, 1834, Lucy, the dau. of Nathaniel Jackson, who lived in winter of 1839 and 1840 on the first farm cleared in town. He was there prior to the date of the above marriage. Mr. Fletcher and family moved to Peru in the early thirties. He first located at foot of Worthly Pond; worked at trade of blacksmith. He was the first to occupy the Stephen Gammon store that was made a dwelling house on writer's farm, designed for the home of Orville Knight, but prevented by the sudden death of his father. It being a part of the Goin Knight farm. Children of Fletcher:—Phidelia, b. and d. Jan. 1836; Eunice A., b. 1837, m. Nathan B. Harlow, Peru; Mary Ann, m. James Stuart, Massachusetts; Eliza, m. Orin Hubbard, Dixfield; Jane d. young; Timothy, b. 1841, d. on farm Aug. 19, 1845, cart body fell on him; Nathaniel, b. Oct. 20, 1844, did not marry, d. at Dixfield Ctr. Jan. 1905; Sally Fletcher, b. Nov. 20, 1845, d. a maid; Julia Joan, b. Nov. 27, 1847; Julia, b. Feb. 28, 1849, m. Apr. 1866, Leander Bowley, had dau., Lelia, b. Mar. 7, 1867. Bowley d. Apr. 1868, widow m. Allen Smith, Middlebury, Mass., had dau., Mildred, b. 1876; Rufus Seavery, b. Aug. 2, 1850; John, b. Feb. 28, 1852. Mr. Fletcher worked farming several

years, lastly at blacksmithing at Centre. He removed to Seavery Hill, Dixfield, where he and wife d. Both buried same day in Feb. 1892.

### Fobes Brothers

Three brothers of Fobes family of Buckfield were early settlers in Peru. Benjamin m. around 1800, a sister of Stephen Gammon and settled prior to 1821 on the North side of Lary Hill, it being a part of Wm. Gillespie's farm, 1908. Children:—Anna, b. Aug. 6, 1801, m. Simeon Brackett; Arsa, b. Apr. 22, 1804, m. William, b. July 30, 1806. Wife died. Benjamin, m. 2nd, Bethia, a sister to Seth Roberts. Their children:—Eliza, b. Aug. 28, 1808, did not marry; Bethia, b. Jan. 18, 1812, m. Apr. 10, 1831, Timothy Ludden, d. Jan. 24, 1836; Nelson, b. Mar. 23, 1814, did not m., d. in town; Betsey, b. Jan. 1817, m. Feb. 15, 1841, Orin Walton in Canton, had a son, Orville K. Parents both dead. Orville K. m. Mary Amanda, dau. of Wm. Babb. Wife d. Aug. 12, 1901. Husband living in Peru.

William and wife Sarah Fobes. Children:—Andrew, b. July 5, 1835; Caroline E., b. May 19, 1837; Chas. W., b. May 24, 1839. Family in Massachusetts. Arza, a brother of Benj. m. May 25, 1828, Jane, b. July 13, 1810 dau. of Amos Knight. Children:—Caroline, b. Nov. 26, 1828, m. Mr. McCann, Mechanic Falls; Henry, b. May 23, 1830, d. Lynn, Mass.; Adonis, b. Dec. 14, 1831, d. Lynn; Melvina, b. May 29, 1834, d. Lynn; Benj., b. June 7, 1837, d. in Civil War; Amos L., b. June 11, 1839, residence, Mechanic Falls; Sophrona E., b. Apr. 14, 1843, d. young; John, drowned at Portland, Me.; Frank, married, residence, Mechanic Falls; Oscar, single, Mechanic Falls.

Zodac, a brother of Benj. Fobes, also Arza, came to Peru after incorporation. He m. Judith Roberts, sister to Seth. Children:—Daniel West, b. around 1820, in Buckfield; Betsey, b. Jan. 25, 1803; Elizabeth, Marshall. Lyman, Orill married, went to Foxcroft; Marinda, Susan married a Mr. White and died in Boston; Philena, Rebecca, b. in Peru. One son died at Buckfield Town Farm; Daniel W., m. May 10, 1840, Mariam Hall of Buckfield. He d. Apr. 4, 1866. Children:—Patience, b. Mar. 18, 1841, m. in Mass.; Sylphira A., b. Dec. 19, 1843, m. Umphrey Herriek, Mechanic Falls. Wife d. there; Julia Parker, b. Oct. 19, 1846; Lucy Ann H., b. Nov. 3, 1847, m. Roscoe G. Newell. Parted, remarried in Mass.; Elmer, b. 1851, d. young; Martha E., b. 1854; Cordelia, b. 1856; Vernon, b. 1860. After death of Mr.

Fobes, widow and children went to Mass. Mr. Zadoc Fobes was a Christian. It is related that when in the field hoeing corn, he had near by, his altar for prayer where he was accustomed to pray to God in loud, earnest tone for His blessing. He was gifted in prayer. His residence was on High street. Marshall, who did not marry, lived and died there. Prior to his ascension he was converted, filled with the Spirit from on high, and so great was his joy that his shouts were heard clearly half a mile away. Daniel W. was converted from a profane man to a humble Christian several years after marriage.

### Henry F. Floyd

Henry F. Floyd came from New Hampshire. He m. Martha Ann, b. Oct. 29, 1845, dau. of Jedediah P. Hopkins. They owned and lived on the Nathan Walker farm in the eighties and were well to do farmers there a term of years. Mr. Floyd next engaged in trade at West Peru village and exchanged his farm for a stand in Pines on road to Rd. Falls. Children:—Florence L., m. ——— Hunton; Flora E., m. Flavil Knight; Arthur H., m. July 27, 1901, Lucy M. Eastman, b. Dec. 1880; Alice M., m. ——— Babb in Mexico; Mabel L., m. Mar. 18, 1905, Julius H. Turner in Hartford; Henrietta E., ae. 22, m. June 26, 1910, Elwin C. Knox, ae. 20, son of Elvin C. and Lizzie T. Knight. Their residence is with wife and her mother in Pines. Mrs. Martha Ann Floyd (divorced) d. at home in Pines, Aug. 23, 1910. She was a faithful, industrious wife and mother. She labored hard under adverse circumstances and endured much abuse, that she might care for her children, till sin broke the family ties between husband and wife and she broke down under the strain, the fruits of rank infidelity. Too bad a man of fine abilities should prove a failure.

Family of Arthur H. and Lucy M. Floyd. Wife was the dau. of Aldana Eastman and Alice Burgess the dau. of Alpheus Burgess. Children:—Walter L. Floyd, b. Sept. 8, 1901; Arthur L., b. Jan. 8, 1903; Arlene M., b. Dec. 19, 1904, b. Jan. 1, 1910, a son. Arthur H. is a respectable, enterprising young man. He is a mill operator at Dixfield. Residence, West Peru.

### Frosts of Peru

The Frosts of Peru are descended from Wm. Frost, a drummer in the Revolutionary army, who came to Monmouth in 1801. It is claimed that a majority of his descendants have been born

with a pair of drumsticks in their hands, due to the blood of the drummer becoming surcharged with the ardor of his service, as he rattled the snares to inspire his compatriots to action. He settled at North Monmouth a short time and removed to Winthrop. He was the father of five children, Wm. Jr., Noah, Moses, John and Lydia. Noah moved to Wayne; Lydia m. Geo., the son of Capt. Peter Hopkins and removed to Belfast where he died. Noah was the progenitor of the Frosts of Peru (father of Chas.) and Wm. those of Wayne. The Frost family have a war record seldom equalled in town, in present and past generations. Noah Frost of Wayne was a Pvt. in Capt. Haskell's Co., 4th Regt. Maine Militia in service at Wiscasset, Bath and vicinity in 1814. He m. 1st, Pub. Nov. 25, 1804 in Wayne, Polly Ward of Harlem. Wife died. He m. 2nd, Pub. Feb. 1, 1806, Sally Hammon of Leeds. Two sons settled in Peru around the middle thirties. Chas. H., b. 1815, d. July 14, 1861, m. July 28, 1836, Harriet, b. Aug. 18, 1818, dau. of Samuel Burgess of Peru. Children:—Benj. Franklin, b. Dec. 18, 1836, enlisted Pvt. in 13th Me., died in service at New Orleans; Josiah, b. May 26, 1838; Charles Wm., b. Oct. 23, 1839, soldier in 5th Me., Co. K, killed at Spottsylvania, ae. 26 yrs.; Charles, Jr., b. Oct. 21, 1840, killed at Coal Harbor in Co. K, 5th Me.; Sylvester, b. Oct. 30, 1843, enrolled in 1861, Co. F, 9th Me.; Albert A., b. July 10, 1848, m. Ida, dau. of Telotson Wing; Harriet R., b. Dec. 21, 1850, m. Benj. Burgess. Widow Harriet d. May 20, 1882. The other son, Alden, m. Oct. 22, 1838, Mercy Austin, a sister of Luther. Children:—Anna Frost, b. July 30, 1840; Alice Phinney Frost, b. June 2, 1844, m. Orlando Eastman, a soldier of Mexico. He lived at West Peru after the war, long enough to gain a residence. Widow Mercy m. Daniel Hall, May 3, 1885. After his death she lived with Eastman and wife till her death at E. Rumford. Next wife of Eastman d. and last he died at John Austin's, Jr. in Peru annex to Rumford.

Josiah Frost, b. May 26, 1831, m. May 8, 1859, Chloe J., b. May 10, 1839, dau. of John and Savila A. Burgess of Peru. He d. July 17, 1902. Wife d. Jan. 1, 1901. Children:—Wm. F., b. May 10, 1862, m. Aug. 23, 1885, Ruth A. Welch of Paris, b. Aug. 10, 1864. Children of Wm. F.:—Arthur C., Maggie M., Ruth Annie, Leona, d. young, Bernice G., Wm. F., Jr., Sibyl Irene. Residence, Dixfield; Eldora E., b. Nov. 9, 1861, m. John Downes. Wife d. Mar. 10, 1901. Oscar L., b. July 28, 1860, m. Cora, dau. of Samuel Lovejoy. Their son Grover Cleveland, ae. 23 yrs., Oct. 31, 1908, m. Jessie E. Bonney of Buckfield. Resi-

dence with Sylvester Frost, West Peru; John B., b. Sept. 17, 1864, m. Lillian Knox (divorced); Charles, b. Dec. 29, 1867, m. Minnie Kenisson of Bethel. Residence, Dixfield; Jennie L., b. Feb. 14, 1872, m. Frank Willoughby, son of Lamont, of Dixfield, Dec. 14, 1893. Children:—Bertha, b. June 17, 1895; Harold, b. Feb. 6, 1893, d.; Warren, b. Feb. 25, 1900, d. infant; Melvin P., b. Apr. 13, 1874, m. June 17, 1890, Winnie, dau. of Samuel Wing. Children:—Grace A., b. Feb. 1895; Millis, b. July 27, 1878, m. Alma Hynes. Residence, Lewiston. Child, Emma, b. around 1897.

Sylvester Frost, m. Pub. Jan. 20, 1867, Mary, b. Dec. 3, 1842, d. Feb. 12, 1906, dau. of Harrison Burgess. Children:—Elias B., b. Oct. 29, 1869, m. July 26, 1889, Druzilla Whitney (widow) in Weld, Me.; Florence M., d. Aug. 16, 1900, ae. 29 yrs. 3 mos., m. Dec. 24, 1890, Melvin, son of Samuel Lovejoy. They had son, William Lovejoy. Melvin m. 2nd, Effie Haines, dau. of Chas. Haines, son of Edward W. Haines. Melvin Lovejoy was a section hand several years on the P. & R. F. Ry., thence worked in spool mill at Dixfield. Mr. Frost owns the brick house built ten or twelve years after the incorporation of our town, by Daniel Sheffield, at West Peru.

### Almon J. Farrar

Almon J. Farrar, b. Woodstock, m. Henrietta, dau. of Cyrus Bishop of Leeds. Wife d. Dec. 11, 1908. Children:—Howard H., b. 1868, m. Apr. 3, 1892, Hattie E., dau. of Virgil Fuller of Rumford. Residence on home farm fronting old Dick. It was here Adam Knight trapped eleven bears one fall; Jennie Farrar, m. Elias H. Lovejoy, Jr. Residence, Dickvale; Elmer, m. ——— Silver. Residence, Rd. Cent., Vernon; Llewellyn, m. ——— Smith in Dixfield. Their dau. b. Jan. 10, 1909; Una, m. 1st, Deforest Delano (divorced), m. 2nd, Dec. 19, 1903, Willis W., son of Columbus Tainter in Dixfield; Stella N. m. Maurice W., son of Romanzo Burgess. Wife d. May 13, 1907. Husband m. 2nd, May 3, 1908, Edith Althea Davis of North Anson. Other children:—Manly, Celia, Ned. Mr. Farrar is an industrious, hard working man. He was here as early as 1888. Mrs. Farrar was highly esteemed. They reared a likely family.

### George W. Gordon

Geo. W. Gordon, b. Livermore, the son of Reuel P., b. Wayne, and Hannah Frost, m. Sept. 23, 1861, Esther J., dau. of Granville F. Child of Franklin. He was a member of Co. C, 23d Me. Vols. He d. July 17, 1900, ae. 39 yrs. 5 mos. He served his en-

listment and received an honorable discharge. His widow is pensioned. Child:—Grafton B., m. Apr. 7, 1894, Flora A. Wyman, dau. of John C. Jr. Their children are Leslie L., b. Aug. 10, 1896; Jennie H., b. June 17, 1898; Mary, b. Feb. 3, 1902; Geo. G., b. Aug. 15, 1904. Gertrude U. Gordon (sister to Grafton) m. Elmer Flagg of East Dixfield. Residence, Canton Point. Jennie Gordon, b. around 1862, d. Jan. 10, 1885; Effie M., m. Thomas A. Wyman.

Above Reuel P., died Nov. 28, 1858. His epitaph reads: "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

### Goding

Thomas A. Goding, b. in Livermore, m. Sarah Jane, b. Hartford, dau. of Benj. Thomas and Dorcas Russell. They were successors on the Nathan Walker farm, on the 2nd tier of lots next to Canton line in 1840. They continued here through life. He died July 29, 1876, ae. 63 yrs. 2½ mos. Wife d. Dec. 18, 1894, ae. 81 yrs. 4 mos. 20 dys. Mr. Goding served as one of the leading officials of the town many years. He won the confidence and respect of all. Children:—Dorcas Thomas, b. July 6, 1842, d. Aug. 18, 1864, not married; Dana W., b. Mar. 22, 1844, m., Eltene E., b. Rumford, dau. of Wm. B. and Irena Virgin in Peru. He lived, and died suddenly of heart failure, on home farm Jan. 15, 1906. His sister, Betsey Jane, b. Apr. 22, 1849, m. May 24, 1868, Samuel F. Irish. All the members of the Goding family are of high standing, industrious and prosperous, honest and reliable. Children of Dana W. were:—Mabel F., school teacher, living with mother in Canton; Elva E., b. June 16, 1878, d. July 16, 1892; Theron A., b. Mar. 1885, d. Feb. 26, 1896. Dana W. Goding served on the Board of Selectmen in 1885 and till close of 1890 and in 1894. He was Master of Rockameka Grange 1901. He was treasurer of East Oxford Agricultural Society several years, up to his death.

### Gowell---No Relation in Town

James W. Gowell, b. Sumner, Apr. 21, 1832, d. Dec. 25, 1908, Peru. He was a brother to Robert Gowell of Co. D, 12th Md. Regt. in Civil War, who died and was buried on board ship at sea in 1861. Marker in Bishop cemetery near grave of his son, whose mother was Eliza M. Gowell. James W. was a house carpenter, a good workman and followed his trade many years. Residence, West Peru village. He served the town many years as Selectman

and Assessor, an able and useful citizen. He m. 1st, a Massachusetts lady and parted. She subsequently m. George K. Johnson of Peru. Residence, Gilbertville, and he m. also Dec. 16, 1860, Mary E. Niles. He m. 2nd, Roxanna C., b. Franklin Plan., Oct. 22, 1842, dau. of Thomas Lord. Their son, Elmer was born Dec. 2, 1857. He went to sea when about 18 years of age. That was the last known of him. The mother had just passed her 15th birthday at date of birth of son. There is a moral here that the twentieth century will do well to heed. This mother soon found it a strenuous life to follow briskly child raising at so early a period in life and the only way out was to jump the fold. She left bed and board in a few years. Mr. Gowell m. 3d, July 1, 1866, Orill E., b. Aug. 18, 1844, dau. of Ezekiel and Mary E. Lovejoy. Child:—Susie Florence, b. June 14, 1868, m. Apr. 26, 1885, Eliphalet P. Haines, son of Samuel P., had dau., Geneva D., b. Apr. 18, 1886. Divorced from Haines around 1892, m. 2nd, Winn Brackett of Auburn. Divorced, m. 3d, Charles S. Morse of N. H. Divorced. Affinities are found at last, m. 4th, Ezra B. Staples, son of John Staples of Carthage. All of former husbands have remarried except E. P. Haines, who makes a home for his mother at W. Peru. Mr. Gowell's son, Chas. R. by Orill, b. Jan. 3, 1871, d. Jan. 1, 1889. James W. Gowell was the son of Joseph Gowell, b. Topsham and Hannah Whitman, b. Middlebury, Mass.

### Josiah Gerrish

The successor of James Fletcher on the Orville Knight place was Josiah Gerrish and family from Falmouth. His first marriage to Eunice Leighton was perhaps around 1824. First child on record, Martha Ann, was b. Nov. 21, 1824. Lorana, b. Dec. 15, 1830; Caroline, b. 1833, d. Dec. 28, 1865; Ephraim M., b. 1835, m. Sept. 30, 1866, Annett E., dau. of Elmore Knight; Ephraim M., d. Aug. 10, 1879. Their dau., Ada E., b. Apr. 17, 1871. The mother, Eunice Gerrish, d. Oct. 8, 1843. Married 2nd, Sept. 10, 1852, Hannah Mabury. No issue. Mr. Gerrish d. July 6, 1867, ae. 73 yrs. This was an upright, industrious family, commendable in all their deportment.

### John Gilcrease

Records show a soldier of 1812 war. John Gilcrease, his wife Mary and sons, David A., b. Aug. 22, 1818; Hiram, b. Mar. 15, 1820, all in town in 1821. It is known that wife Mary died, date

is wanting and soldier remarried Achsah Smith, a sister to Henry and Judith, the 2nd wife of Maj. Brackett. They lived on the Francis Waite farm till the death of Mr. Gilcrease. No record of death. U. S. marker at his grave in cemetery near by. Widow continued there, and was pensioned. She d. Mar. 28, 1880. The sons were in Dixfield when last known.

### Grover Family

The Grover family were early pioneers in township No. 1. They were here prior to incorporation of the District to Plantation No. 1, in 1812. We regret we have not their origin or ancestry. Jediah and Elizabeth Grover were the heads of the family, who settled on the Elmer W. Knox farm on High street. It is believed by Mr. D. W. Piper, who knew the family well that this couple died there, though their only son Edsel m. May 1821, Mary Walker and after the birth of their son, Peter S., removed to Carthage where wife d. Sept. 5, 1842. She was the dau. of Wm. Walker, Sr. Edsel Grover was honored with all the leading offices from 1812 to 1824 when he dropped out. He had two sisters, Betsey and Ruth. No further knowledge of them.

### Gibbs

Elbridge P. Gibbs, b. Livermore, Mar. 16, 1826, the son of Frank and Phebe Eddes, b. Chesterville, m. around 1852. Esther R., b. July 4, 1826, d. July 3, 1895, dau. of John R. Welds, late of Dixfield. Mr. Gibbs served as Pvt., Co. I, 23d Me. in Civil War; contracted disability and was pensioned. He died Jan. 28, 1900. This couple were of high intellectual endowments. They came upon the stage in season to join the crusade against intoxicating liquors and against slavery which they championed by voice and acts. Mrs. Gibbs delivered several essays in public from her own pen before they came to Peru. Mr. Gibbs was of pleasing address and penetration as a public speaker. His felicitous style usually won the applause of the audience. They were kind and generous to the poor, and held in high esteem by neighbors. They were residents of Peru 25 yrs. They first located on the Merrill Knight, Jr. farm, now the home of Jas. W. Miller, there about 4 yrs. In 1879 he bought the old Merrill Knight (senior) farm occupied by James Barrows. He continued here till around 1897. The last two or three years of his life he lived in the family of Albion K. Trask at Worthly Pond. He

came of Christian parents. They and several of the sons were Baptists and members of the church at N. Livermore. Children:—Frank E., b. Feb. 19, 1853, attended town schools and read law with John P. Swasey at Canton. He m. 1880, Ida Knight, dau. of Samuel Knight of Hartford and had three children, Guy, b. Hartford, Sept. 28, 1882, graduated Hebron 1901, residence Rd. Falls; Maud Josephine, b. Peru, Dec. 22, 1881, m. Aug. 30, 1907, Charles H. Bradford of Livermore. This couple were graduates of Hebron Academy 1902, wife having first graduated from Edward Little High School in 1897. Mr. Bradford is in Savings Bank, Livermore Falls; Frankie L., b. Canton, Dec. 7, 1886, graduated Hebron Academy 1903, m. Dec. 24, 1907, Harry, son of John Doe, Livermore, a school teacher at Hingham, Mass., their residence.

Frank E. Gibbs was just commencing to practice law at Canton, or at most, was young in his profession, when he was stricken down with fever and died Sept. 21, 1881, at his father's in Peru.

This is a smart, talented and enterprising family. Peru is proud of their achievements and nobility. Mrs. Gibbs was b. in Waterford, 1861. She is a Christian much admired, address Hingham, Mass.

Helen M. Gibbs d. July 8, 1871, ae. 5 yrs. 6 mos. The last child of Elbridge P. Gibbs, who grew up, was Statira. She m. Wayland, son of Enoch Weld of Dixfield. They first located in Illinois, thence to Clarion, Iowa. Children:—Carl, Lalia, Timothy. Occupation, farmer. Susie H. Gibbs, b. Dec. 10, 1854, m. Nov. 29, 1874, Joel Austin, son of Luther Austin of Peru. They settled at Allegheny City, Pa., where wife d. Dec. 18, 1881, ae. 27 yrs., also their youngest child d. there Jan. 3, 1882. Grave of wife is at East Peru. Their children:—Esther G., b. Feb. 25, 1880, d. in R. I., July 8, 1901. Grave, E. Peru; Ernest Austin m. and lives in Minnesota.

### Gillespie Family

Wm. Gillespie, b. Aug. 23, 1835. When 18 years old enlisted in the English army and served 7 yrs. in the war against the Indian mutineers. He m. Elizabeth McKee, b. in Scotland. Children:—Andy; Mary Jane, m. Mr. Merchant in Lensville, Mass.; Janette, m. Mr. Herriek in Gloucester, Mass.; Robert; Wm. B.; Margaret, m. McPhee. Residence on the Gillespie homestead farm; Lizzie, m. Mr. Welch in Rumford. Mr. Gillespie and family emigrated first to Mass. He and sons were employed on quarry at Rockport a few years. He purchased the Alden Burgess home



Morrill Lodge. E. M. Gammon's farm, formerly the Stephen Gammon place. Seth Brackett first known here 1825.

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farm in the fall of 1893 and took possession. He d. May 10, 1906. Wife yet living on farm. They are honest, reliable, industrious people.

See marriage of Robert in Elmore Knight family, also m. of Wm. in A. A. Babb's family. The latter's residence is the Otis Gammon stand.

### Gammon Family

Three brothers came from England in Colonial days. One of them settled at Bridgton or Harrison of whom Robinson Gammon was a descendant. One of them settled at Gorham, Me. One of his descendants was Nathaniel, who m. Polly Lowell. They had a family of eight children, four boys and four girls, seven lived to grow up. They lived in Buckfield where their son Stephen was born, June 17, 1790. The other brother remained at Falmouth. From him descended Samuel Gammon of Portland.

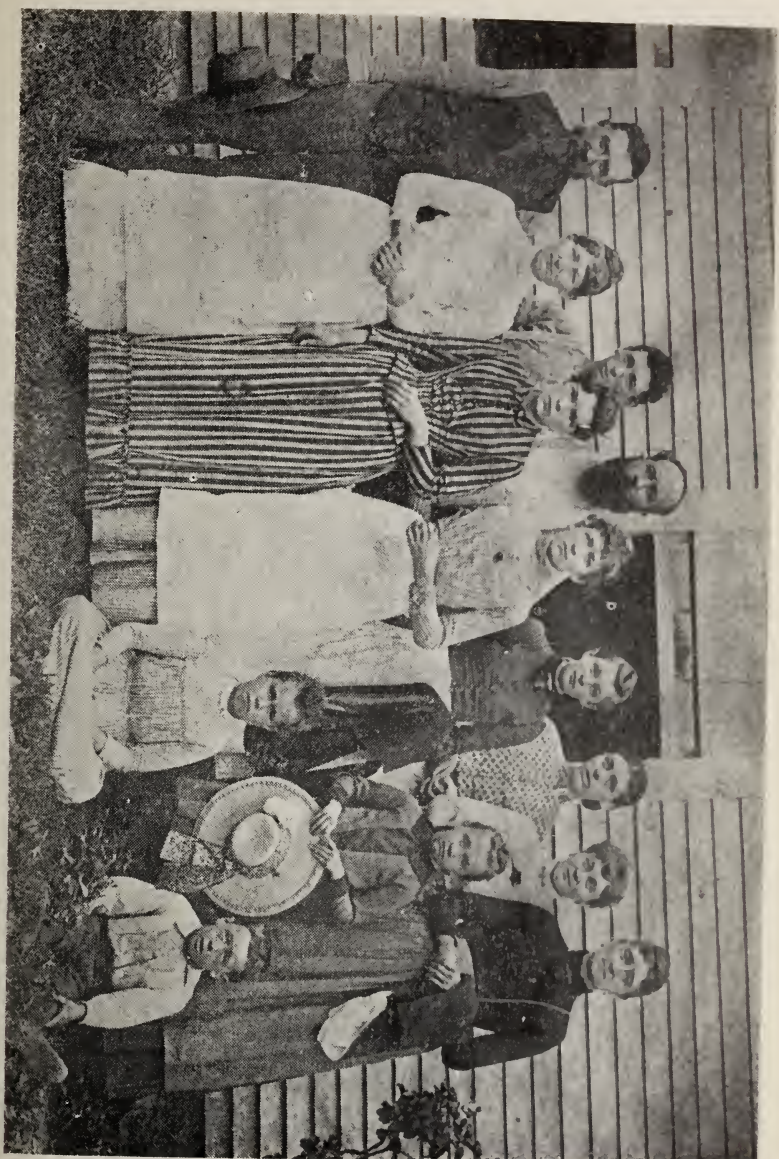
Stephen Gammon's sister m. Benj. Fobes of Peru, his first wife. His sister Margaret m. Warren Besse of Paris. Their son, Warren H. Besse, when grown up changed his name to Vinton. He became a lawyer and a prominent man at Gray Corner. He was at one time President of the Senate. He delivered an anti-slavery lecture at the Methodist Meeting House in the days of the "Abolition Party" and brought with him a young colored gentleman, who gave a short history of his life. He showed culture. Mr. Vinton befriended Ardelia Ricker in school teaching in Gray before her marriage. A sister of Robinson Gammon m. a Skillings. Their dau. Eliza Jane, m. Stephen Gammon, his 2nd wife, and dau. Charlotte, m. James Sullivan Decoster, a resident of Peru several years. He lived on the (old man) Wm. Gillespie farm.

In the war of 1812-14, Province of Maine was required to furnish a quota of men with orders to muster at Portland. Stephen Gammon was at work that year at Paris. Hearing of the call he hastened home, to find that Capt. Chase with his Co. had gone. Though not required, he decided he would go. He took his father's gun and horse and rode to Wilson's Tavern in Gray and met there a Mr. Whittemore of Paris, who wanted to hire a substitute, and hired him at \$14 per month. Mr. Gammon was enrolled in his place and went to Portland. There he found the call was for a limited number, and the quota filled, leaving him and many others to return to their homes. His

service, however, 14 days, was sufficient to give him a pension. Stephen Gammon, in company with Seth Roberts, came to Peru in the winter of 1819. He worked for Goin Knight logging that winter and on his farm the next seasons, the year that Knight built his house. This was about 20 rods from the first school house, and here Mr. Gammon taught several terms of school. Mary, Samuel and Eliza, the three youngest children of Wm. Walker, Sr., attended the first term, also two pupils from James Lunt's and several from Francis Waite's. Timothy Ludden was one of the S. S. Com. his 2nd term of school in Dist. No. 7 after Gammon's marriage and two of his children attended.

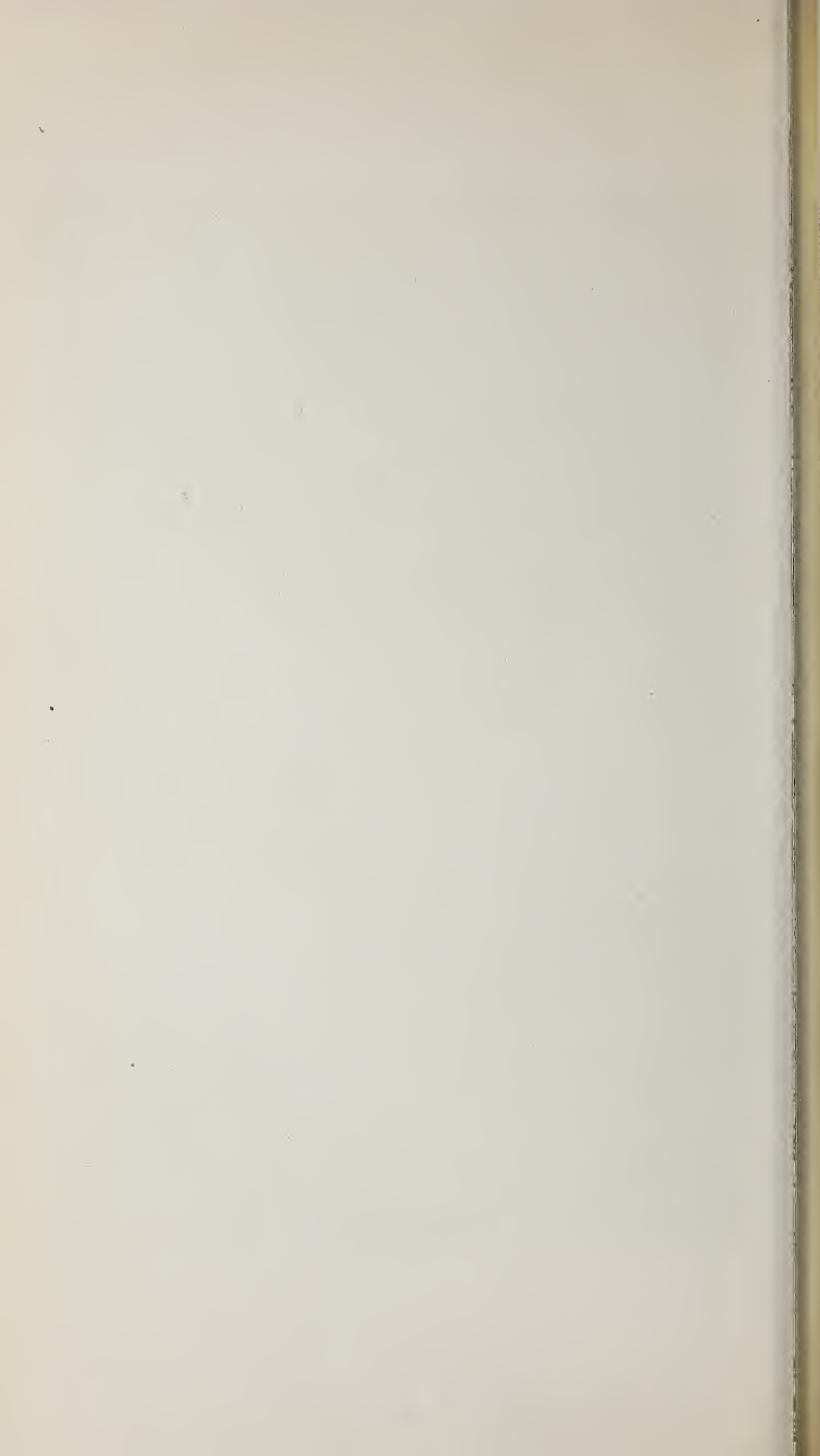
Stephen Gammon m. July 28, 1825, Sarah, dau. of Amos Knight of Peru. A separate race of Knight family in town. There were four races of the early Knight settlers who lived and d. here. Children:—Cyntha, b. Mar. 9, 1826, m. Douglass Stewart, who d. at Boston, Feb. 1906; Otis, b. May 8, 1828, m. July 26, 1856, Mary, dau. of Joshua and Polly Knox. She was b. Feb. 22, 1835, d. Apr. 23, 1872; Lucy, b. Jan. 24, 1830, m. ——— Hale. Their son, Leon Hale, M. D., is at Chebeague Island, Portland, Me.; Adrian, b. Aug. 8, 1831, m. Jan. 1, 1859, Sybil P. dau. of Sumner R. Newell. They had son Leslie, who d. in Cal. Adrian d. Oct. 11, 1859 of fever. Son and mother went to California and she remarried there; James Monroe, b. Apr. 26, 1834; Stephen Warren, b. June 6, 1841; Sarah Ellen, b. Mar. 1, 1844, m. Wm. L. Knight; Luella Frances, b. Oct. 8, 1849, d. Apr. 11, 1866, ae. 17 yrs. The mother was b. Feb. 6, 1807, d. Jan. 9, 1852. Stephen Gammon had by 2nd wife son, Geo. Thomas, b. Dec. 31, 1853, d. of accidental gun shot wound, Oct. 10, 1871, pulling gun by barrel over stone wall.

The children of Cyntha Stewart are two daughters and a son, who is an engineer on railroad, Boston, Mass. Children of Otis and Mary Gammon are Elroy M., b. Mar. 23, 1857, m. June 13, 1886; Cora T., b. Nov. 12, 1867, dau. of Hollis and Emily M. Turner; Eva Estelle, b. Apr. 16, 1864. Children of Elroy Gammon:—Mary Emily, b. May 28, 1890, d. Dec. 23, 1894; Louise Estelle, b. Aug. 13, 1893; Hollis Stuart, b. June 19, 1895. James M. Gammon m. Dec. 21, 1861, Betsey M., dau. of Chas. York of Peru. She was b. Nov. 12, 1843, d. Feb. 20, 1887. Their children:—Oscar M., b. Oct. 1, 1862; Ida, b. Aug. 5, 1864, m. Mar. 27, 1883, Frank E. Goodnow, Waltham, Mass. Their dau. Ethel d. young. Chas. S. Gammon, b. May 2, 1869; Leona E., b. Nov. 7, 1877, m. Nov. 7, 1898, Waltham, Mass., Willard Warren. Sh



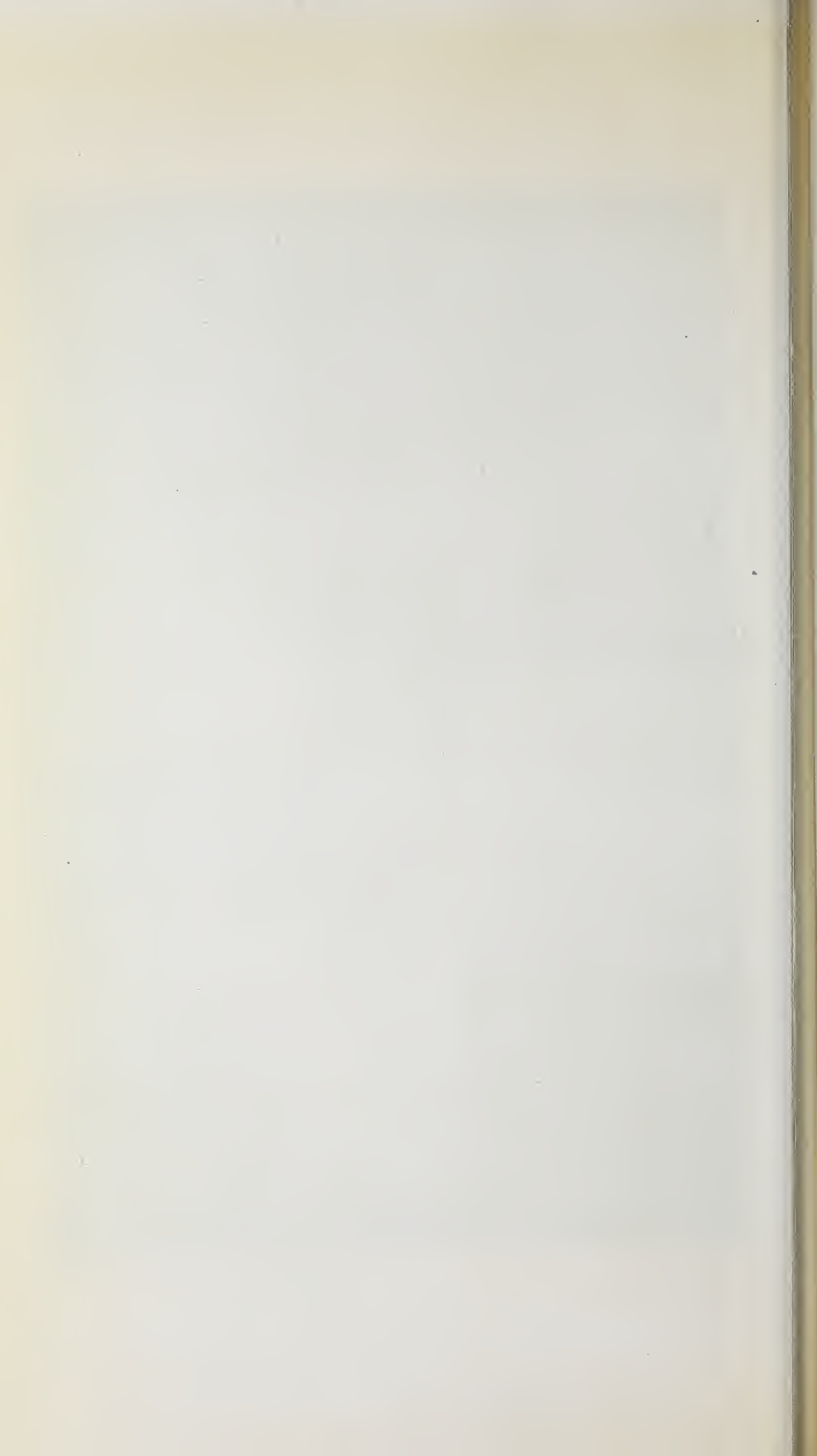
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From left J. W. Knight, Russell Newton, Stephen W. Gammon, Sarah Hall, Correna Knight, Eva Gammon





Stephen Gammon's house, his portrait with group of family, No. 2, and neighbors the day he was 98 years old. The eighth person from the right is his wife Eliza. He died one year and about a month after this event.





CORA TURNER GAMMON—1867-1907.



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Now wife of Wm. T. Wood---1910.



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d. Dec. 31, 1899. Their dau., Carrie Leona, was b. Dec. 2, 1899. Oscar M. m. Mar. 11, 1888, Augusta Saks, have son Theodore. Has New York agency, Erecting Steel Lockers. Chas. S., m. July 2, 1897, Carrie Newell. No issue. Stephen Warren Gammon m. 1st, Nov. 18, 1865. Lois R., dau. of Benj. and Mercy (Tuttle) Roberts of Peru. Children:—Warren Edgecome, b. Dec. 22, 1868; George L., b. Oct. 14, 1872. Their mother d. May 30, 1880, ae. 34 yrs., 7 mos. His 2nd wife was Lizzie Faunce, m. 1881, d. in 1882 at Harrison, Me. No issue by either. His 3d wife was Hattie Mills of Harrison, Me. He survived all three. The last one d. of quick consumption at Peru, Sept. 13, 1890.

Stephen W. Gammon was Fife Maj. of the 17th Regt. Me. Inf. and Leader of the Regtl. Band, always at post of duty, serving full period of enlistment. His brother, James M., was a member of the band. Stephen W. was a fine musician, both on cornet and violin. He was a smart, energetic, capable man, highly esteemed by all. Army service and exposure shortened his life. He was stricken in the prime of life, less than fifty years old. He had carried on a coat shop at Peru Centre, a portion of two years prior to his wife's sickness, employing several hands. He did much of the sewing himself, running the machine by foot power. The rate he dispatched business indicated his life and vigor would continue many years. He looked a picture of good health. No one realized that an insidious foe, a congestive liver was controlling the issues of life. This organ had been going bad too long to adjust itself. The evidence came at decease, when the body turned in color to saffron. James M. Gammon m. 2nd, Sept. 6, 1908. Edna A. Harris (divorced) b. Mar. 9, 1861 in Shelburne, N. H., dau. of Lyman Greene and Lovina Philbrook. They own a cottage at Mechanic Falls. Nicely situated.

The family of Elbridge and Esther Gammon were residents of Peru in the forties and at the beginning of the war. They lived beyond the Asa Bonney place, going from Ripley's Mill by the Harlow farm on South side of big ravine, on road to North Hartford. He was a brother to Orison and Greene Gammon in Canton. Children:—Roscoe, b. Mar. 7, 1843; Wm. Thomas, b. Feb. 1851. Perhaps both were born in Peru. Roscoe enlisted in Co. F. 9th Regt., Me. Vol. Inf. in fall of 1861. He returned home and m. Dec. 18, 1865, Clarinda Reynolds. March meeting, 1845, the name Elbridge Gammon appears on record. His place

is a part of Warren Ward estate of Canton. The buildings are taken down. Both sons and families went West.

Robinson Gammon was a descendant of one of three brothers who came from England in Colonial days. See life of Stephen Gammon. Robinson Gammon, b. Buckfield 1794, m. 1825, Sarah, b. Raymond, Me., Feb. 12, 1794, dau. of Eleazer Parsons. They lived after marriage fifteen years on Bradford farm in Canton where their six children were born, to wit: Daniel, Ann, Cyrus b. around 1831, Sarah Jane b. around 1833, Phebe Ellen b. Aug. 21, 1838, d. 1855, single, Isaac d. young. Mr. Gammon and family removed to Peru on the Maj. Wm. Brackett farm, next following Brackett's evacuation in the fall of 1845. They continued there seven years, living in the old Brackett house that set near the sand knoll, East side of road. He built a new barn on same side of road opposite the house now standing which involved him in debt. Mr. Gammon was one of the home militia called to Portland to fill Maine's quota in the war of 1812-14, whereby he got in at least the requisite 14 days service and was a pensioner the last few years of his life. He removed around 1852 to Roxbury on Swift River. It was here pending the freshet in Oct. 1869 that the heads of the family, Mrs. Gammon at least, had thrilling experience. This was the greatest rise of water on this river ever known to the present generation. Many families were forced to abandon their dwellings ere the close of that eventful day. Mr. and Mrs. Gammon had been tardy to abandon the house till the shades of night came on. Mr. Gammon led the way, expecting perhaps his wife would soon follow, but she thought she must strip the cow before leaving and set the milk on the top pantry shelf in the house, and when she left the house to follow her husband, the way was cut off by flood of water in the highway which she must cross to reach higher ground. Evidently it was growing dark and she became somewhat confused, losing the way. While wandering and wading in the swift rising tide, she chanced to reach a cherry tree about twelve feet high on the opposite side of the road from the house and several rods away. Mrs. Gammon found refuge here. She was able to draw herself up by the branches and secure a foothold with hands firmly grasped around a branch to hold position. The water rose higher and covered her person entire to her chin, at high tide. She could not raise herself any higher in the tree, and hung there, her life in the balance at the mercy of the flood. She had given up all hope of escape from a grave of water before it began to recede. Jus

then it would seem a guardian angel said to the turbulent waters, "Thus far thou shalt go and no further." The waters subsided. She was discovered some time during the night with hands clasping the tree and muscles very rigid. It required some effort of her rescuers to release her clasp on the tree. The stable and cow were carried off and all the bridges on the river. Mrs. Gammon lived over 16 years after that event. She d. Mar. 19, 1886, *ae.* 92 yrs. 1 mo. 7 dys. at her daughter's, Mrs. Ann Conant, wife of Joseph Conant, on the Porter farm in Roxbury, Me. Mr. Gammon d. in Oct. 1881. They were professors of religion. Mr. Gammon was accustomed to take part in social meetings. Daniel Gammon m. 1st Jan. 29, 1849, Susan French. They occupied a tenement in Orville Robinson's old house a while. Wife left Daniel after a few years. No issue. He m. 2nd, Clara York, b. Biddeford. They lived in the late eighties and early nineties on the Hill farm, now owned by Chas. Howard and wife. It was where Adam Knight first settled. Daniel Gammon d. in Canton, May 1904. Wife d. there with dau., Mrs. Dexter Small, Apr. 1908. No issue by Gammon. Ann married three times in Roxbury. 1st, Rev. Weeks, and had by him one child. They parted. Ann (Gammon) Weeks next m. Wm. Porter, the father of Fred Porter of Rumford, sheriff of Oxford County a term of years. Two of Ann's children by Porter reside in Dixfield. George Porter on a part of the Leonard Norcross farm, and Clinton Porter on the Holman farm, formerly owned by George Porter, up near the Center. Mr. Porter d. in 1874. His widow m. 3d, Joseph Conant, Co. D, 12th Maine. She d. next in 1890. No issue. He d. May 23, 1901 in Peru. S. Jane Gammon m. Feb. 21, 1853, Reuben T. Allen, b. Farnsworth, N. H. Residence, Milton Plau., Me. Carriage manufacturer. Their dau., Emma J., b. 1855, d. Aug. 28, 1904, m. Benj. L. Rowe, b. 1856, d. Aug. 21, 1899. Their children:—Henry O., m. in Waltham, Laura E. Carter; Walter Rowe, single.

Cyrus Gammon, d. Feb. 16, 1899, *ae.* 68, m. Nov. 17, 1854, Mary, dau. of John Conant. Widow with two sons living on home farm in Canton. Cyrus Gammon enlisted Aug. 18, 1862 in Co. K, 17th Regt. Me. Inf. Vols. He enlisted from town of Mexico. He failed to observe President Lincoln's proclamation to return to his Command and thereby he and his widow were barred from pension. Mary Gammon d. June 30, 1910. She was the mother of twelve boys, eight living. Birney and Joseph on home farm; John, residence in town; Chas. and George in South Braintree;

Will in Lewiston; Roswell at No. Livermore and Fred of Auburn. Mrs. Gammon was a worthy member of Canton Grange.

## Griffith

Rufus N. Griffith and wife Hannah, and children came from Livermore around 1882. He bought Peru Town Farm, formerly owned by Sumner Robinson at East Peru. Mr. Griffith was a good farmer and a good citizen. He d. here or in village, Feb. 13, 1889, ae. 68 yrs. 5 mos. His widow and only dau. lived a few years at their stand in village; sold to Sullivan Ireland, removed to Auburn, thence to Portland where dau., M. Louise, began trade of milliner. Her mother deceased about 1909. Daughter there June 1910, unmarried. Children Chas. M. Griffith b. around 1854, m. Idella Glines of Canton. They have dau. Liverna. Residence recently on farm in Poland. Albert B. Griffith, b. Oct. 18, 1857, m. Aug. 25, 1884, Ida R., dau. of Chas. F. Deshon. This man is sharp and shrewd with an aptitude for traffic. He has been connected of late with a stable in Auburn, where he has some real estate. He wants to return to farm. Their children:—Emily, b. 1886; Rufus, b. Aug. 1891; Pearl, b. May 1897. Rufus m. 1909, Lydia M. Hague of Pittsfield, Me.

## Jonas Greene

Jonas Greene of Peru was born Mar. 31, 1815 in Byron. His parents were Jonas Greene and Eunice Baker Bacon, among the first settlers in Byron. Their other children were Abial, Wm. K., Roscoe G., Martha, Amanda, Lucinda and others, twelve in all. Jonas grew to manhood without many school advantages. His parents were poor and in their declining years, it fell to his lot to care for and assist both parents and the younger members of his father's family, to gain a livelihood. With no material help and no encouragement until his marriage, he steadily made his way up to an honest, useful and successful life. His wife was Louisa Morton Willard, dau. of Henry Willard, born in Ashburnham, Mass., May 23, 1819, married Aug. 11, 1841. For eight years they lived in Byron. He engaged in farming and kept a country store. He served in various offices in town and in 1848-9 represented the town in State Legislature. In 1849 he moved to Roxbury, and same year moved to Peru. Here he did a thriving business in trade and was Postmaster fifteen years. In 1866 and 67 served his district two terms in State Senate. He held important



LOUISA M. GREENE—1819-1900.



1815—JONAS GREENE—1873.



town offices and became a leading citizen in town, acquiring a good competence. His wife came of the Willards, who were of noble blood. It is found by tracing the genealogy that she belonged to a branch of the famous Frances Willard family. They have a common ancestor in Maj. Simon Willard, who was quite prominent in shaping affairs in Colonial New England.

The descendants were quite proud of this famous ancestor and his name was handed down for many generations in the family. Frances Willard speaks of this ancestor in her autobiography, and when in Europe placed a memorial window in the church in his native town of Horsmondon, Kent, England. This was Mrs. Greene's ancestor also. The Willard family have a fine record. Thirty were college graduates in the first four generations, when college bred men were rare. They were mostly Harvard graduates and the majority were physicians. One was president of Harvard and one a professor in that college. This woman and her children have a good inheritance, well exhibited. It became proverbial, that the Greene family children were brilliant scholars. This family moved to Manassas, Va., in the fall of 1869. He was appointed Marshal in 1870 and took the census in his district in Virginia. Though hardy and a picture of good health to look upon, he was a victim of dyspepsia for a term of years. He died in Virginia, Oct. 1, 1873, *ae.* 58 yrs. 6 mos. His wife survived till Mar. 5, 1900, and closed her earthly life at Washington, D. C. Both were interred at Alexandria, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Greene were champions of all the moral reforms of the day, temperance, wholly abstaining from spiritous liquors, of rigid anti-slavery sentiments and always regular attendants at church in Peru, and brought up their children to attend church and Sabbath School regularly. Martha, the oldest of the children, acquired a collegiate education, showing marked scholarship in her studies. Had she lived, she would have been doubtless an eminent teacher in some of our seminaries. She, like her younger sisters, showed aptitude for this profession.

Children of Jonas, b. Mar. 31, 1815 and Lonisa M. Greene:—Martha L., b. in Byron, Apr. 15, 1844, d. May 1866; Estella D., b. July 18, 1848 in Byron, m. in Virginia, Sept. 13, 1875 Rinaldo T. Cross was run over and killed by shifting engine near station in New York city, *ae.* 45 yrs. Children:—Nina Estelle, b. Oct. 19, 1876; Wilma G., b. Dec. 16, 1882, is married, has a dau. b. 1906; Nina Estelle, m. around 1894, T. Parkin Scott. Residence, St. Denis, Md. Their son, T. Parkin Scott, Jr., b. 1897.

Wilma Greene Cross, m. Sept. 1904, Howard Rhodes. Residence, Manhattan, Kan. Their dau., Marguerite Lucile, b. Nov. 1905. Widow Estelle D. Cross remarried H. S. Day, a soldier in Civil War. No issue. Residence, Topeka, Kan. Real estate agency. Chestina S., b. Roxbury, May 13, 1849, m. in 1876, Gustavus Thorp, he d. May 1901. Their son, Walton Willard, b. Jan. 1882, is 6 ft. 2 in. tall. Weight 200 lbs., ae. 24. Law and real estate, Britton, S. D.; Wilma E., b. Peru, Apr. 3, 1851, m. 1st, Walter F. Robinson. She m. 2nd, no issue, Isaac P. Baldwin of Virginia of high standing. Residence, Battle Creek, Mich.; Charlena W., b. Peru May 3, 1852, m. Aug. 3, 1872, Theodore Ketcham. Residence, Capitol Heights, Md. Children:—Maude Louise, b. Sept. 24, 1874; Walter Theodore, b. May 6, 1878; J. Willard, b. Sept. 2, 1881, d. July 7, 1900. Jonas Willard, b. Aug. 17, 1856 in Peru, d. May 1881 in Baltimore, Md.

George Henry, b. Sept. 25, 1858, d. in Peru Dec. 25, 1865.

Wilma E. Greene acquired a good common school education and was well fitted for school teaching. She taught a few terms, one at Canton village after her parents and the other children moved to Manassas, Va. in 1869. While on a visit there in the early seventies she obtained a clerkship in the Agricultural Office at Washington, D. C. and continued there a period of fourteen years. She was an expert in wielding the pen; her style, polished, bold, uniform, symmetrical and handsome; a quality characteristic of the lady as the flower bloomed. It is proverbial, "She was the flower of the family." Her marriage to Mr. Baldwin (widowed) was some time after she left the clerkship. This has proved a happy union. He is a man of unblemished character, intellectual, capable and of a long life race. Had just passed 87th birthday Nov. 4, 1908, smart and active. The children of Charlena Ketcham and their marriage:—Maud Louise, m. Edwin D. Newman, had a son, d. young; Walter Theodore, m. Sept. 1905. Mae A. Corridan, have dau., Lucile Agnes; James Willard Ketcham did not marry. Walter Willard Thorp, son of Chestina S. Thorp, is married.

Mary Greene, older sister of Jonas, m. Dr. James Leary. Lucinda Greene, the next younger than Jonas, m. about 1832, Ivory Webber. This family, with six children, came from Byron in the early fifties and lived in the house and lot adjoining the Meeting House lot on the North. He worked blacksmithing in the Joseph Ricker shop till after his wife died Apr. 21, 1859. Chil-



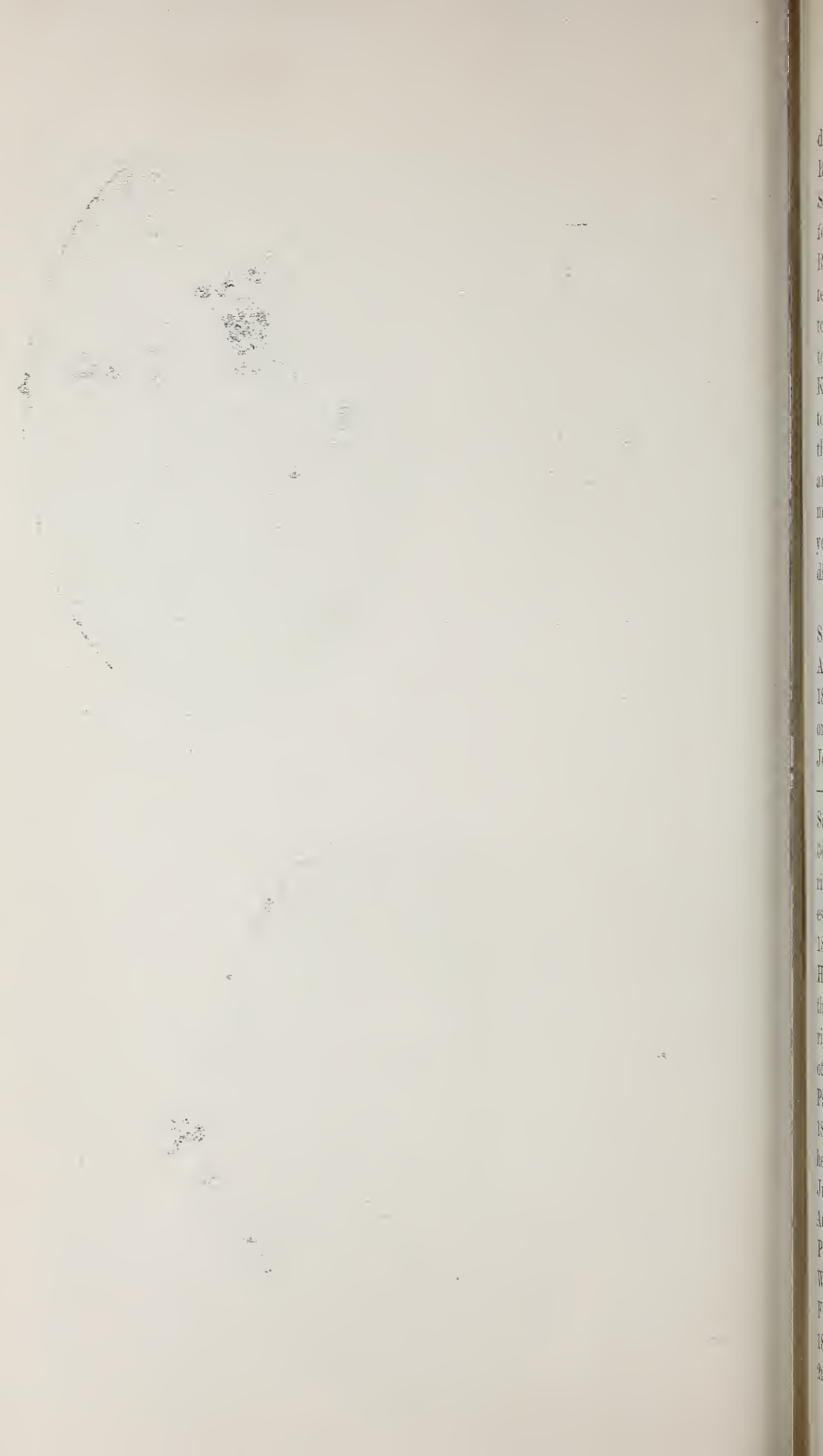
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MRS. ESTELLE GREENE DAY.



MRS. WILMA E. BALDWIN, *nee* GREENE.



dren:—Hannah E., b. Apr. 7, 1833, m. Jan. 1, 1854, Adoniram Russell, residence, Sumner; Edwin, b. June 28, 1836, m. Pub. Sept. 28, 1859, Eliza A. Bent, sister of Wm. H. Bent. They had four children:—George, with father in N. H.; Flavilla, m. 1907; Ransford, d. 1890, one son and dau. with mother in Lewiston. After the marriage of Edwin Webber and Eliza A. Bent they moved to Aroostook County where their children were born. They lived there happily and united till "free love" craze, then raging on the Kennebec River, reached that county; he became an easy victim to this fearful malady. He failed to recover in season to preserve the bonds of his family connection. He left the State, and wife and children were forced to provide their sustenance. They removed to Lewiston where Mrs. Webber ran a boarding house a few years and got a bill of divorce, remarried a Mr. Dickens. He died and she is as stated.

Lovina J. Webber, b. Sept. 17, 1838, m. Jackson Russell of Sumner; Arabine E., b. Jan. 1, 1844; Mary O., b. May 8, 1846; Amorilla A., b. July 6, 1849; Nellie Lucinda, b. Peru, Aug. 17, 1857. Mr. Ivory Webber and several children removed to Byron or Roxbury. Sarah Greene, a sister of Jonas, m. Luther Merrill. John, unmarried. Perry d. when a boy. Ancil B., m. Harriet ———. Their children are living in N. H. The children of Sarah Greene Merrill were, Ida M., m. Chas. Collins, worth \$15,000, made in the oil business in Pa., where they live; Mary married and lives in Aroostook County; Lot M.; Augustus, the oldest, died; Wm. K. Greene, b. in Byron, Oct. 12, 1820, m. Nov. 1847, Mary B., b. Apr. 1824, dau. of Nemiah Hunt and Sophia Harding of Wilton. They moved to Peru in 1854, having bought the old Maj. William Brackett farm. Wm. K. Greene was upright, enterprising and prosperous. He d. Oct. 3, 1889. Both of his wives were highly esteemed by all. Mary A. Greene, d. in Paris, July 8, 1906. Children by 1st wife:—Leander, b. June 16, 1849, m. May 10, 1882, Eliza E. Perkins in Malden, Mass. where he d. Apr. 16, 1908. Their children are Emma S. Greene, b. July 22, 1883; Chas. W., b. Dec. 25, 1885; Mabel E., b. July 7, d. Aug. 6, 1887; Frank P. Greene, b. Dec. 22, 1851, m. Aug. 27, 1879; Pamela W., b. Jan. 29, 1851, dau. of Levi J. Adkins and Sarah Woodsum of Peru. Their son, Clifton F., b. Feb. 19, 1881. Flora A., dau. of Wm. K., b. 1854, d. 1861; Roseoe L., b. 1859, d. 1861. Wife Mary B., d. Mar. 27, 1862 in Peru. Mr. Greene m. 2nd, Aug. 1862, Mary A. Houghton of Weld, b. Sept. 26, 1828.

They removed to Paris Dec. 1875, he being elected Register of Deeds. Settled there the remainder of life.

Abial B. Greene, brother of Jonas, m. Myrtilla Houghton, a sister to Wm. K. Greene's second wife. Children (living) 1906:—Mary A., m. May 1868, Willard Patterson in Dover, N. H.; Carrie, m. May 1873, a Mr. Wallace Berry, Abington, Mass.; Myra M., m. 1877, Melvin Alley in Revere; Angie E., m. May 1880, Frank T. Janvrin. Mrs. Janvrin's residence is Black street, Revere, Mass.; Emily H., m. June 1890, Hardin Vaughan, Revere. Mary A. is a widow, works in shoe shop in Lynn, Mass. Wallace Berry, d. Oct. 1908. Supt. of Fish Hatchery of Maine. Melvin Alley and wife residence, Winthrop, Me. Employed in Bailey oilcloth factory. Frank Janvrin a farmer in Revere. Hardin Vaughan a farmer in Derry, N. H. They have a son and a daughter.

Births of Abial's children:—Mary A., b. Byron 1850; Carrie, b. Weld Sept. 1857; Mira M., b. Weld June 1860; Angie E., b. Sumner Sept. 1861; Emily H., b. Weld 1871. Last residence, Revere, Mass., where Mr. Greene d. Aug. 1901. His widow is with Dr. Minnie Houghton, Paris, Me. Roscoe G. Greene, the youngest brother of Jonas, m. Carrie Correy. They were residing in Petersburg, Va. at the outbreak of the Civil War. He was in trade in a junk store. He came North for protection with his family and had a home with his brother, Wm. K., in Peru. They were there in 1861, when diphtheria raged fearfully and two of his little girls, Mary A., ae. 6 yrs. and Charlotte I., ae. 5 yrs., d. of the disease Sept. 18 and 23 respectively, 1861. He returned to Petersburg after the war and was made Postmaster there in reconstruction period. One dau., Grace Lincoln, m. Wm. Holmes, lived and d. in New Jersey Aug. 1908.

Florilla Greene, a sister to Jonas, m. Edwin Robbins, Lewiston. Published Nov. 14, 1855; Chestina Greene d. in infancy. Martha Willard, a sister to the wife of Jonas Greene, m. Theodore Bradeen. They lived in Peru near Alden's Ferry. Recently the Leonard Brown farm. Their daughter, Martha, m. Dr. Proctor and lives in Weld village. Of the Willard family and the Louisa and Martha Willard branch, there is but one person bearing the family name, now living. Their brother, Dr. Francis Willard, of Boston, a graduate of Harvard left a son, Henry Francis Willard, also a graduate of Harvard and a doctor in Boston. Martha Willard Bradeen d. in Peru Nov. 8, 1858, ae. 44 yrs. Her son, Geo. E. W., d. in Peru Oct. 7, 1859, ae. 20 yrs.

## Hodgdon Family

John Hodgdon, b. Hebron and wife Elizabeth, b. Portland, dau. of Josiah Smith, were located in the basin on the New County Road leading over the mountain to Worthly Pond before 1821. Farmers. They were industrious, upright and good neighbors. Children b. there who grew up. Josiah S., b. May 17, 1822, m. Apr. 4, 1847, Joan W., b. Sept. 6, 1828, dau. of Scammon Starbird of Peru; Amos K. Hodgdon, b. Aug. 6, 1825. Irena, b. Feb. 18, 1840, m. Pub. Aug. 13, 1865, Asa Robinson, son of Irving. Wife d. John Larnard Hodgdon, b. Feb. 20, 1845, m. May 26, 1872, Annie Robinson, dau. of Irving. This couple were church members. Residence, East Sumner, where husband d. Aug. 31, 1904. No issue. The parent, John Hodgdon, d. May 27, 1866 in Peru (grave unknown.) Josiah S., Co. C, 20th Me. Regt. Pvt., received gun shot wound in right arm, discharged and pensioned for loss of arm. Children of Josiah S.:—Amos W., b. in Peru June 7, 1848, d. Jan. 24, 1863; Adeline, b. June 2, 1851; Lizzie Ellen, b. Oct. 24, 1856, d. Jan. 17, 1863; Caroline M., b. June 2, 1858, d. Oct. 16, 1870; Josiah S., Jr., b. Mar. 5, 1862, m. was a printer at Presque Isle; Adeline, m. March 31, 1872, Independence Morrison. Their dau., Leanna M., m. Perley C. Knox. Residence, West Peru. Farmers. Josiah S., d. in Peru Aug. 18, 1903. His wife d. May 28, 1882 at their home in village of East Sumner where Mr. Hodgdon was in trade several years. This was a likely family.

## Holt Family

Erastus Holt, b. in Weld, son of Abel and Ruth Holt, m. Pub. Dec. 30, 1838, Lucinda, b. Jan. 4, 1812, dau. of Ephraim and Lydia C. Packard of Peru. In 1846 Mr. Holt purchased two lots of wild land on the West side of Worthly Pond on the Hill range above the Harlow farm where E. G. Bassett lives. He made a clearing and erected a set of farm buildings. They had a family of six children; all lived to grow up. Mr. Holt was champion axe chopper. It was easy task for him to drive his ox team into the woods, cut, load and haul one cord of green wood five miles to Canton village and return home at night. He got for the wood and labor one dollar. They were hardy pioneers. The family lived on the farm till 1854, when Mr. Holt and wife with the youngest children went to Stoughton, Mass. to take charge of a town farm. They returned to their farm in spring of 1857, con-

tinuing there till the death of Mrs. Holt in 1862. Following the event the home was broken up and the members scattered. Mr. Holt d. in 1896 at Canton, with son Otis. Children:—Artemas Cooper Holt, b. May 13, 1839. He was a soldier in the 27th Me. Can't learn about his marriage. He was a station agent two years in Mass. Was run over by car and d. Mar. 1905; Ellen Augusta, b. Jan. 30, 1841, m. 1st a Mr. Bishop. He d. 1875; m. 2nd, Aubury Sanborn. They live in Franklin, Mass.; Otis Chandler, b. Jan. 17, 1843. After the family returned to the farm in 1857 he worked there and attended the winter terms of district school, finishing in 1860-61. On the 24th of June 1861 he was mustered into U. S. service, Co. K, 5th Me. and went with command into camp on Meridian Hill, D. C., where they were drilled two weeks by a West Point officer; thence to Alexandria. The regiment was attached to Gen. Howard's brigade and participated in the battle of Bull Run, July 22, 1861. Comrade Holt says in his memoirs: "It was a very warm day and we suffered extremely with heat and thirst. On the retreat from the battlefield with James M. Stone of Otisfield I managed to get back to the old camp ground at Centerville. As Stone and myself were crossing the stone bridge, the rebels fired the first shell at the retreating army. We marched back to Alexander the next day in a rain storm." His term of service expired in June, 1862 when he returned to Canton. In Sept. he re-enlisted for nine months in Co. C, 23d Maine, and was detailed as officer's cook most of that service. Returning to Canton he engaged in cabinet work with Chas. Barrows there, till into fall when he enlisted the third time in Co. G, 30th Me., receiving appointment of Sergt. In Feb., 1864 went with command to Algiers opposite to New Orleans and joined Gen. Banks in his famous Red River campaign. Holt was in several skirmishes and battles. At Monetis Bluff, La., Apr. 23, 1864, he received gun shot wound in left thigh. At that time they were about five miles in the woods. Gen. Francis Fessenden, commanding the Brigade, was wounded and carried from the battle ground leaving his left foot behind. Holt, with a comrade, walked back over the ground after his wound, under fire all the way, his comrade being hit twice, there being no ambulance at hand. Holt got permission to ride on back of Gen. Fessenden's horse that would have been led out of the woods back to the plantation they started from that morning. Touching the engagement Holt says, "I knew in the morning I should be wounded before night. As we started

out to cross the river the bugler came along and said to me, 'Sergt. if you get wounded today, I will take your gun.' I said to him, 'You will have a chance before night.' It seemed to be impressed on me all day that I should get hit. After I was wounded it seemed a great relief to be rid of the mental strain." C. O. Holt, Optometrist and Optician, 30 Lisbon St., Lewiston, Me.

Otis C. Holt, m. Dec. 7, 1865, Hattie A., dau. of Simeon Bicknell of Canton. Children:—Virtue E., d. 1896; Grace M., b. July 12, 1881; Winnifred L., b. 1886, m. 1905, Frank Packard. Henrietta L. Holt, b. June 21, 1844, m. 1st, Chas. Glover. Children:—Leon O., a graduate of Colby College, is a Professor of Languages at Fall River, Mass.; Mabel, m. Arthur Glinds of Canton. Emerett L. Packard, b. Jan. 31, 1846, m. M. T. Hatch, a letter carrier in Boston, d. 1875. Children:—Lillis, m. a Mr. Horton. Live in Hyde Park; Erastus Eugene Holt, b. June 1, 1849. He attended town school when a boy at home, followed by clerking five years in stores at Canton village; thence he continued his studies at Hebron Academy, at Westbrook and Gorham Seminaries, teaching in the meantime some portion of each year. He was principal in the City Reform School of Boston a year or more. He entered the Medical School at Bowdoin College in 1872, continuing his studies in Boston and at Dartmouth Medical School. He graduated from the medical school of Maine in 1874. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia College in New York, from which he received his ad eunden degree in 1875. After leaving Columbia he was appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy at the Medical School in Maine at Brunswick, continuing two years. He was appointed house doctor in the Maine General Hospital. In Apr. 1886 he was appointed executive surgeon of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, Me. In 1897 Colby University conferred the honorary degree of A. M. upon Dr. Holt. He m. Mary Brooks Dyer. They have six children: Lucinda Mary Belle, Clarence Blake, Roscoe Thorne, Erastus Eugene, Jr., Dorothy and Benjamin Dyer.

### Haskell Family

In early forties Jonathan and Mary Haskell lived on a small farm below the Albert S. Holman farm at East Peru. Mr. Haskell was b. around 1794 and d. there Feb. 28, 1865. His wife, b. 1792, d. Apr. 16, 1868. They located on Gowell Hill prior to coming here. Mr. Haskell worked at trade of cooper in con-

nection with farming. Their children:—Mary, b. about 1826, d. Oct. 9, 1851; Rebecca G., m. Dec. 7, 1843, Joseph I. Smith; Elizabeth B., m. Pub. Feb. 8, 1848, Jesse L. Nelson, Canton; Jonathan G. Haskell m. Mary C., dau. of Sumner Robinson, Sr.; George Western Haskell m. Mar. 3, 1855, Mary Jane, dau. of Cyrus Wornell. Their children:—Lizzie N., b. Aug. 27, 1855; Addie L., b. Oct. 9, 1857. Geo. W. Haskell was wagoner in Co. F, 9th Regt. Me. Vols., war of 1861. A prisoner at Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1, 1865. Paroled. Discharged for disability Jan. 22 as reported Nov. 1, 1863. He died prior to Mar. 1899. His widow got evidence in her pension claim prior to that date.

### Job House

Job House and family were residents of East Peru in early forties. They came from Turner where most of their children were born. His occupation was millman and one product wooden bowls. His successor to the water power here was Edgar M. Howard, after the Civil War, when most of family returned to Turner.

Job House, b. 1803, d. Mar. 20, 1890, m. Jan. 3, 1828, Alvena Philips, both of Turner. Children:—Tilden J., b. May 2, 1829; Alonzo P., b. Nov. 6, 1830; Benj. D., b. June 12, 1832; Rhoda B., b. Apr. 2, 1835; Richard P., b. Jan. 25, 1837; Elizabeth R., b. Feb. 12, 1839; Horatio T., b. Dec. 22, 1844; Chas. A., b. Mar. 8, 1849, d. Sept. 14, 1852. Marriages:—Tilden J. and wife Amanda. Their children:—Alma Ann R., b. Dec. 19, 1851; Alvena M., b. Feb. 27, 1855; Lovina C., b. Dec. 8, 1858. Lewiston Journal, Aug. 7, announced the death of Tilden J. House at North Turner, July 31, 1907, that he left a widow, one son Richard, a dau., the wife of Geo. F. Toll at Canton, and one in Portland, his brother Benj. in Leeds and sister Elizabeth at No. Turner. Benj. D. House m. Sarah E. Kyle in Peru.

### Josiah Hall

Awarded Peru's gold headed cane by Boston Post 1909 as the oldest voter in town.

Josiah Hall, b. Wrentham, Mass., May 4, 1824, son of George Hall and Hannah Smith, came to Peru in 1855. First located on the Albion K. Knight place, it being his father's old farm. Mr Hall lived here nine years till fall of 1864. He then moved to th

Wm. Tucker farm on the River road and took down the Eliphalet Tucker buildings three years after. He has continued here till present date. He m. Sept. 13, 1852, Lorana, dau. of Josiah Gerish, b. Dec. 15, 1830, d. Oct. 4, 1891. Children:—Ella A., b. Wrentham, May 11, 1854, d. Nov. 5, 1860; George W., b. Feb. 24, 1857; Chas. A., b. Jan. 26, 1860; Josiah G., b. July 22, 1867; Adie Ella A.; Albert H. Mr. Hall is a prosperous farmer. For half a century he has made farming pay and demonstrated that industry and economy with temperate habits are sure to win. He has been prominent in town affairs, served several terms on the official board. Writer recalls his musical genius. He was an able player of old time music on the violin. His musical qualities were transmitted to his children, and we have a family brass band worthy of note. Of this family we have Hall Bros. Rake Manufactory, West Peru. They are doing a thriving business. Children of Geo. W. and Marcia L. Hall, dau. of Leonard H. Brown: Myrtle Z., Leonard D. All the members of the Hall family are first class citizens, industrious, of good habits, honest and reliable. Chas A., a member of the firm, is unmarried; Josiah G. Hall, m. Alice M. Atkins, one son, Henry Hall; Albert Henry, m. Gertrude Elizabeth McEgan of N. B. Children:—Lorana Gerrish, Lester Albert. Josiah G. Hall was employed at the Foster Toothpick Mill, Dixfield, mill in Mexico. The clatter and din of machinery was so great a strain on his nerves that he broke down completely and died suddenly June 26, 1909. His widow lives at her cottage home on River street to Rumford, at West Peru. Takes boarders.

### Capt. Daniel Hall

Capt. Daniel Hall acquired his military title in the old militia days. In 1836 and 1837 he was commanding officer of the company of militia in Peru. He was of the Rumford race of Halls. In 1834 he was second on the Board of Selectmen. Daniel Hall was a farmer, located in 1861 on the Woodbury farm on Ridge Road. He was born Aug. 12, 1805, d. Apr. 5, 1886, m. around 1830, Sarah R., b. Nov. 26, 1807, d. Dec. 18, 1859, dau. of Hezekiah Lovejoy. Children:—Emeline Adelia, b. Feb. 14, 1833, m. Pub. Apr. 28, 1858, Joshua M. Proctor of Westbrook. They emigrated to California where wife was engaged a term of years school teaching. She used to ride some little distance to and from school on back of horse. It is reported that she closed her

career. Ivory Farnum was the first child, b. June 27, 1831; Atwell R., b. Apr. 6, 1835; Daniel Everett, b. Nov. 24, 1836. The oldest and one or more of the others named were located in Bangor in 1861 and came home to the funeral of Judith Ann, their sister, in Sept. 1861. She was b. Oct. 23, 1840. Henry Dexter, b. Mar. 28, 1835. Twins Jeremiah Herbert and Hezekiah Albert, b. Apr. 1847. This was a smart, capable family of children. Their mother d. Dec. 18, 1859. The boys, except the twins, had left home in fall of 1860.

Mr. Hall remarried, Pub. June 4, 1860, Adeline Lovejoy (widow) of Dixfield. They separated in about a year and a half. His next housekeeper was widow, Abigail Benson, m. Apr. 9, 1863. They lived happily together nineteen years till her death, Apr. 16, 1882. He m. 3d widow, Mercy Frost, May 3, 1885. She was a sister to Luther Austin. Her first marriage was to Alden Frost. Daniel Hall d. at West Peru village, Apr. 5, 1886.

## Samuel Howard

Samuel Howard was the first white male child born in Canton. He m. Polly Newton in Dixfield. His residence was there a term of years. Occupation, brick layer and mason. Of their children, Samuel Ward Howard, b. in Dixfield around 1846, m. Emily M., dau. of Wm. Babb. Mr. Howard gained an honorable war record in Co. C, 23d Me., a long time before marriage. Occupation, farmer, on a portion of the Joel Hall farm, West Peru. Children:—Estella M., b. Apr. 17, 1883; Myrtle A., b. Dec. 26, 1884, m. Aug. 2, 1905, Leroy A. Bisbee. Their son, Linwood Leroy, was b. June 4, 1896; Helen D., b. Apr. 30, 1886, m. Perley Child; Wm. H., b. Aug. 30, 1887; Malva E., b. Oct. 23, 1889, m. Sept. 24, 1910, Esbjom Wiken in Peru; Wallace W., b. May 18, 1894. This is a Christian family, members of the F. B. Church.

## Joel Hall

Another race of Halls from Falmouth came to Peru in 1853. Joel, son of Orrie, both b. Falmouth; Joel, b. Feb. 10, 1818, d. May 25, 1879, m. Mary Hall, b. Buckfield, Mar. 1, 1817, d. Oct. 8, 1894, dau. of Noah and Mary Hall. Children:—Virgil P. Noah, Rosannah. Isora, Florilla L., m. June 6, 1891, Wm. H. Phinney in Peru, no issue; Flora Hall, b. June 23, 1855, d. Aug. 16, 1856; Isora, m., Mar. 29, 1884, Geo. W. Farrar.

Virgil P., m. May 15, 1862, Caroline J., b. Mar. 4, 1839, d. Aug. 24, 1869, dau. of Rev. Wm. Woodsum. Children: Wilber Lincoln, b. Dec. 15, 1863; Sarah Woodman, b. Feb. 15, 1865; Mary R.; Carrie, b. July 4, 1869. Virgil Hall attended the fall term of Peru High School. He fitted for school teaching and taught several terms in town, with good success. After the death of his wife, he removed to Aroostook county.

Noah Hall, m. July 27, 1862, Florilla W., b. Dec. 8, 1832, d. Mar. 31, 1900, dau. of Wm. S. and Mary S. Ludden. Their dau., Gertrude, b. Aug. 7, 1871, m. Geo. W. Snell, Ashland, Mass. They have dau., Beatrice, b. Aug., 1899. Mrs. Noah Hall was on a visit to her daughter at South Framingham, Mass., where she died after two and a half weeks' sickness of gastric fever. Mr. Hall has served in various offices in town. He is a man of good repute, honest and honorable. This entire family were very genial and obliging. Joel Hall and wife took great interest in the Grange and were highly esteemed.

### Samuel Haines

The progenitor of a long line of Haines family was Samuel, who m. Polly Lovejoy, b. Oct., 1808, d. Oct. 20, 1870. Children: Daniel F., b. around 1827-8; Samuel P., b. Oct. 1, 1829; Edward W., b. 1833; Azel L., b. 1843, d. Jan. 16, 1881, u. m. He was justice of the peace, res. awhile at East Peru. Daniel F., m. (1st) Apr. 1, 1848, Mehitable, d. Aug. 9, 1867, dau. of Gardner Lovejoy by his first wife, Sally Burgess. Children:—Willis E., b. Oct. 1, 1849, d. ae. 24 or 25 years; Wealthy Eveline, b. Nov. 5, 1851, m. Feb. 22, 1869, Adelbert A. Wing, in Rumford; he d., she m. (2nd) ———— Weaver, and he d.; Mary Angellette, b. Oct. 18, 1853, m. James P. York in Peru; Greenville M. b. Nov. 15, 1860; Ellsworth. Children of Daniel F. Haines by second wife, Sarah R., dau. of Alpheus Burgess. Children:—Wallace E., b. Nov. 20, 1868, m. Orrie E., dau. of John Austin, Jr.; Eddie R., m. Sept., 1888, Jefferson Thomas, in Rd.; Lizzie, m. Raymond Jackson. He was killed by logs rolling on him, both dead. Eugene, m. Louise, dau. of Sidney Austin. Farmers on some farm of mother; Jennie, m. Geo. Lapham, res. Rd.; Willis, m. Mildred F., dau. of Benj. D. Packard, in Peru, res. on Curtis farm. Born, Sept. 1, 1909, to wife of Willis S. Haines, son.

Samuel P. Haines, m. Nov. 20, 1859, d. Jan. 30, 1892, ae. 32 years, Angelia V., b. Jan. 2, 1840, d. at West Peru, Dec. 28,

1910, ae. 70 yrs., 11 mos., 27 days, dau. of Luther Austin. Children:—Eliphalet P., b. Sept. 3, 1860, m. Apr. 26, 1885, divorced 1892; Susie F., dau. of James Gowell; their dau., Geneva D., b. Apr. 18, 1886, m. May 4, 1905, Arthur W. Brown of Massachusetts. He left wife. She got a bill of divorce and took her maiden name. Eliphalet is providing a home for his mother in her declining years at West Peru Vill.; Zenas B., b. Aug. 5, 1862, m. Mabel Hodgdon, Lewiston, went West in 1886; Albert R., b. Oct. 19, 1867, m. Olive Martin of Rumford, res. Auburn; Alonzo d. young, 1880; H. Harwood, b. Jan. 25, 1883, d. Dec. 3, 1883; Samuel A., b. Feb. 21, 1872, m. Mariam Sawyer of Lewiston. He d. July 10, 1901, ae. 29 yrs.

Samuel P. Haines was a farmer in comfortable circumstances on Burgess Hill, overlooking the valley of the Androscoggin, extending north to Rd. Falls. His farm was adjoining, if not a part of, the Luther Austin farm, who made a clearing in 1830, comprising a large tract of fertile, arable land all these years. This branch of the Haines family were honest and honorable.

Edward W., b. 1833, d. Aug. 15, 1888, m. Nov. 1, 1853; Ellen M., b. May 19, 1836, d. Nov. 15, 1865, dau. of John Austin, Sr. Children:—Mary Angeline, b. Oct. 9, 1853, d. Oct., 1864; John Sullivan, b. Oct. 19, 1854, d. Sept., 1864; James Munroe, b. Aug. 10, 1856, m. Jan. 1, 1905, Emma M. Wing, Dixfield; Charles F., b. Oct. 15, 1858; Ellen W., d. Sept., 1864; Ellen M., d. Nov. 15, 1865. Edward W., the parent, was mustered in U. S. service, Co. D, 12th Me. Vols., Sept. 7, 1861, and re-enlisted after two years' honorable service. He deserted May 27, 1864. He m. (2nd) Mar. 4, 1868, Caroline A., dau. of Stephen L. and Louisa (Prescott) Wing. Children:—Edward A., m. (1st) Lillian E. Berry, b. Byron, widow, dau. Jacob Hodsdon. Her children by Berry:—Carroll T. and Marion; wife d. Feb. 13, 1907.

Children of Edward A.:—Rodney E., Bertha L., Alice J. Edward A. is one of Peru's talented musicians. He plays the violin, res. West Peru Vill. Children younger than Edward:—Lula L., b. July 2, 1884; Mertie E., b. Feb. 27, 1888; Edward A., ae. 37 m. 2nd, Apr. 14, 1910; Christina H., ae. 24, dau. of John W. Whittier and Jennie M. Burgess of Peru. Edward W. was a farmer on Burgess Hill, where he d.; son, Chas. F., m. De Wing. Their dau., Effie, m. Melvin Lovejoy, his second wife. Lovejoy works at spool mill, Dixfield.

## Hodsdon

Greenleaf Hodsdon, b. in Byron, May 16, 1839, was the son of John and Adeline Greene Hodsdon, m. June 23, 1838, and one of the first settlers, continuing there fifty years through life, farmers. Greenleaf, m. (1st) Jan. 21, 1869, Eliza, dau. of Hamilton Ridley of Wayne. Their children are:—Lula, Addie, Gertrude and Gervace. Wife d. Mr. Hamilton m. (2nd) Jan. 8, 1890, Addie R., dau. of John C. Lane of New Gloucester; no issue.

Mr. Hodsdon has resided the last few years at Mechanic Falls, retired. He had suffered more or less for years from debility along the alimentary canal. Food distressed him, but it was hard to locate or relieve the pain. Growing worse, he went to the hospital for consultation and was operated on for appendicitis, but was all right there. The knife was applied to the opposite side, revealing an abscess that involved an intestine. This was removed and connection made, but consciousness failed to return. He d. Aug., 1910. For further events, see stores and traders at Peru.

## Hazelton

The family of John T. and Lydia J. Hazelton, m. June 11, 1843, came from Springfield, N. H., to Peru in 1866 and settled on the Milo Morrill farm. Mr. Hazelton was b. in Manchester, N. H., Sept. 5, 1819, d. in Peru, Apr. 20, 1869; wife b. Mar. 24, 1824, d. May, 1908, in family of dau., Mrs. Chas. S. Walker, at the old Walker homestead. This was a Christian family of high order and refinement. Writer has personal knowledge that Mrs. Hazelton possessed Christian graces and high ideals, revealed in everyday life. Children:—Sidney A., b. June 1, 1845, enrolled Pvt. Co. F, 11th N. H. Vols., d. in service. Mrs. Hazelton was pensioned as dependent mother; Chas. H., b. 1847, d. in Springfield, 1865; Gralman N., b. 1850, d. 1861; Alma C., b. 1852, d. 1853; John R., b. 1854, d. 1859; Myron S., b. 1856, d. 1859; Lizzie S., b. June 5, 1860, m. Chas. S. Walker; Arthur S., b. Nov. 23, 1863, m. Ida H. Sanborn of Hartland, Me. Their children:—Lena M., Dora H., m. spring of 1909, Mr. Pratt, a farmer, res. Hartland; Sidney A.; Gertrude H., wife, d. of consumption, spring of 1903. Husband m. (2nd) May 2, 1908, Luella Lane, "divorced." His two youngest children live with him and wife on her farm in Peru, annex to Rumford. Lena M. fitting for teacher at Farmington Normal School.

## Howard

John Howard and wife, Eliza, the dau. of Daniel Whitman, m. around 1832, removed from Mexico to East Peru Vill. in 1853. He was b. Dec. 9, 1809, d. Nov. 9, 1883. His wife was b. Dec. 7, 1807, d. May 17, 1871. Their children:—Lenora, b. 1833, m. Stanley Virgin in Rumford; had daus., Cora, Anna and Minnie. Ellura E., b. 1836, m. Aug., 1853, John Oldham. Children:—Harriet E.; Julia, d., ae. 13; Chas. I. Howard, b. 1839, m., 1863, Sarah A., dau. of John S. Ludden. Their children were John and Sarah. John m. Jennie, dau. of Jacob Lovejoy, Mexico; Sarah m. Edwin Carver in Lewiston.

Oscar M., b. Aug., 1842, m., 1862, Martha, dau. of Moses Treat of Dixfield. Seven children, two d. young:—Ava I., Walter, Arno, Moses and Bert. Edgar M., b. Feb., 1844, m. Eunice T. Oldham in Peru; Scott H., b. Dec., 1849, m. Marion Alley of Hartford. Children:—Merton and Bessie. Mary E., b. 1852, m. Gilbert Smith. Children:—Albert J., Jennie (burned at Livermore, ae. 12), Nellie. Gilbert Smith and family went West in early eighties. Wife got a bill of divorce. She m. (2nd) Albert Mansion in Michigan. Their children, a son and two daus. Mr. Howard ran the lumber mills at East Peru over thirty years; now retired on farm at head of Worthly Pond, d. Feb. 4, 1910. Children:—Julia T., m. 1895, Edward N. French at Livermore Falls; Sarah L., m., 1900, Hamlin L. Dyke at Livermore Falls; Earl E., m. May 16, 1907, Mabel L. Miller. They live with his parents, have son, Alied Earl, b. Feb. 11, 1908. Edna E.

## Harlow

The Harlow family came to Peru and settled on the west side of Worthly Pond, on the Hiram Wormell farm, in 1845. William Harlow, b. 1800, in Minot, d. Sept. 1, 1878; and wife, Eliza Lapham before marriage, d. July 31, 1868, ae. 65 years, were formerly of Massachusetts. There came with them seven children. Amos L., b. Feb. 4, 1823; Louisa H., m. pub. Dec. 28, 1849, Ira Thorn, son of John Thorn of Hartford. She d. at Chas. S. Walker's, Peru, Apr. 24, 1905. Mr. Thorn d. several years before. Their only child, Ira Orland, m. the dau. of Nathaniel Smith at Brettun's Mills, Livermore, where both families lived in the seventies. This son resided at Lewiston in 1905. Drove baker's cart; Emily, b. Aug. 12, 1830, m. pub. Nov. 14, 1854, Chas. Dunn, who later carried on brick making at Auburn,

Me., where he d. Apr. 1908, ac. 89 years; Wm., Jr., b. May 30, 1834, m. pub. Oct. 24, 1860, Hulda R., b. Dec. 23 1838, dau. of Hannibal Bisbee of Peru. Mr. Harlow was a soldier in the war of '61, on quota of Peru. He is a resident of Minneapolis, Minn. Children:—Elisha Bisbee Harlow, b. Nov. 20, 1866; Annie L., b. Mar. 24, 1874; Nathan B., b. Apr. 25, 1836, served Pvt. Co. C, 19th Me. Regt., in war of '61, was wounded in service and is a pensioner. He m., around 1856, Eunice A. Fletcher, dau. of James, and later on was successor of Winfield S. Shackley on the farm above Ripley's mill; wife d. Dec. 3, 1900; Willard S., b. July 4, 1841, d. single, Oct. 9, 1867; Charles A., b. July 26, 1844, d. single, July 25, 1876; Amos L., m. pub. Dec. 16, 1856; Ann D., dau. of Ira Wormell. Their children:—May F. and Fannie L.; the latter d. May 31, 1871, ac. 13 months. Etta O., adopted dau., d. Oct. 23, 1864, ac. 17 years; wife d. Apr. 10, 1878, ac. 40 years, 3 months. Mr. Harlow m. (2nd) Delia Eustis (widow), dau. of Wm. and Mercy Walker. This family were prosperous farmers. Mr. Harlow and other members of the family were zealous Republicans and strong Universalists, strictly upright and honorable. He d. Feb. 15, 1896. His widow d. Nov. 14, 1906, at the Walker homestead.

Children of Nathan B. and Eunice Harlow:—Cora A., b. Sept. 28, 1857, unmarried on home farm, later left town; Carroll A., b. Dec. 12, 1859, m. Mary Davis, have six children, res. Oregon; Clarence G., b. July 30, 1866, single; Ralph L., m. Nellie Stover, have two children, res. New Hampshire; Arthur L., m. Jan. 23, 1906, Ethel T. Irish, dau. of Samuel F. and Betsey J. Irish; Sadie J., m. Aug. 22, 1891, Willis C., son of Lowell Smith. Children:—Henry B., b. Aug. 3, 1892, res. 19 Ware St., Lewiston, where wife d., 1909; Willard S., single, barber in Auburn; Lucy T., m. Fred G., son of Milo G. Morrill. Arthur L. and wife carry on home farm since marriage. Nathan B. went to live with son, Carroll, in Oregon, 1909. He d. Sept. 19, 1911 in Minot, at home of Cora Harlow.

## Hussey

George O. Hussey, b. Albion, Me., Mar. 25, 1840, m., around 1873, Edna M., b. Liberty, Me., dau. of Jacob B. Peavey. Children:—Edwin C., b. Jan. 23, 1873, in Minot, d. in Peru, Oct. 4, 1901, ac. 37 years, 8 months; Alton R., b. June 30, 1907, d. May 27, 1900; Henry O., m. Jan. 25, 1903, Ethel M., dau. of Benj. D. Packard and Alberta A. Davis, dau. of Allen Davis. This fam-

ily, including Mr. Peavey and his son, Charles L., settled in town at Dickvale in early eighties, on the Bradford Wyman farm. Geo. O. was in war of '61, Co. G, 24th Me., and a charter member of Demeritt Post, mustered in Apr. 30, 1886. He and wife were members of the Grange, No. 109, and held in high esteem as citizens of the community. Wife, Edna M., d. May 13, 1888, ae. 37 years, 8 months. Mr. Peavey, the parent, d. July 10, 1885, ae. 78 years, 4 months; Chas. A., d. Jan. 10, 1892, ae. 44 years; John M. Hussey (brother of Geo. O.) member of Burden Sharp Shooters, war of '61, b. June 11, 1837, d. Mar. 18, 1904, grave in Hussey lot at Dickvale. Geo. O. m. (2nd) Widow Dean, on Taintor farm, Valley road, Dixfield; wife d. He m. (3rd) Widow Whittier. Geo. O. Hussey d. Oct. 7, 1904. Henry O. and family reside on the old Jewett farm in Canton. He is a steady, industrious farmer.

### Hopkins Family, 200 Years

The first Peter Hopkins of whom we have any account was elected to the offices of selectman, highway surveyor and tythingman at Augusta, 1771. He was an Englishman, came from Boston. In 1781 he made a clearing on a farm at north part of Monmouth, near Winthrop. At a town meeting of the inhabitants of the district of Wales, which covered what is now Monmouth, on the 24th day of August, 1781, he was chosen moderator and chosen to act as captain that year. Ever after he bore the title of captain. In plantation meeting of Monmouth, Capt. Peter Hopkins was chosen moderator, 1789. He was engaged in a country store and potash manufactory, 1790, and held important offices several years.

In 1792, date of incorporation of 62 legal voters, there were 10 framed houses, of which the captain owned 1, and 2 shops and 13 cattle, he being next to the largest owner, who had 16. In 1795, his wife having died, he sold his property to his son, George, who enlarged the potash works of his father. He had helped build a sawmill on Wilson stream at North Monmouth and was one-fourth owner. Capt. Peter Hopkins m. Hannah Alexander of Bowdoin. They had six children. One was Peter, Jr., who m., Oct. 25, 1781, Silence, the dau. of Benj. King of New Ipswich, N. H. Benj. King entered the Continental army during the war of the revolution and it is presumed that he was killed, as he was never heard from afterward. His wife and six of her seven children removed to Maine and settled in Winthrop

and Monmouth. Silence was one of the number, and m. Peter Hopkins, Jr., then of Winthrop. This war service is worthy of note in view of "Daughters of American Revolution." Their children were as follows:

Oliver, b. Monmouth, 1782, d. Oct., 1874, m. Nancy Prescott of East Monmouth, July 4, 1806; he was enrolled a member of the home militia; he removed to Peru, 1809, prior to the birth of son, Calvin. Peter, Jr., 2nd, b. 1787, m., 1810, Unity Frost; removed to Franklin Plan. Doreas, m. (1st) ———— York. (2nd) Turner Curtis. Lovina, m. Rice King in Whitefield, Me. Hiram, removed to Florida. Wager, m. Prudence Libby. As given, these names are not known to be the exact order of birth.

Children of Oliver and Nancy Hopkins, born in Peru:—Calvin, b. Feb. 10, 1809; Ira Sumner, b. Mar. 6, 1811; Jedediah P., b. Aug. 26, 1818; Lovina, b. Oct. 3, 1820; Prudence, b. Apr. 29, 1823, d. Aug. 3, 1841; Nancy Prescott, b. May 22, 1831, d. Sept. 3, 1847; Mercy, b. Sept. 29, 1825; Oliver, m. (2nd pub.) Dec. 26, 1852, Sarah Stockbridge. He d. in Dixfield, 1874. His grave is in Bishop Cemetery, Peru; Calvin Hopkins, m. (1st) 1848, Sarah F., dau. of Paul Hammon, Jr., children:—Mary Morrill, b. Feb. 25, 1841, m. Henry Willis Brackett in Dixfield; Samuel M., b. Feb. 10, 1843, d. Apr. 15, 1844; Eliza Ellen, b. Jan. 4, 1845, m. Leonard Brackett, Dixfield; Orry Ann, b. Jan. 28, 1847, d. Dec. 2, 1860; wife, Sarah F., d. Sept. 9, 1848. Mr. Hopkins m. (2nd) May 10, 1849, Mary Jane Litchfield of Somersworth, N. H. Affinities lacking, they parted. He m. (3rd pub.) Jan. 14, 1856, Laura Ann, her maiden name was Pratt, widow of Benj. Thurston of Norway. Had son, Willie M., b. Feb. 25, 1858. What a change was wrought the year following. The head of this family, tired of life, sought to end life's warfare by hanging, June 5, 1859. The widow and son removed to Mechanic Falls.

Ira Sumner Hopkins, m. Dec. 22, 1839, Elizabeth Towne, b. Brunswick, Feb. 1, 1813. They had four children. He d. May 7, 1885. No further information. Jedediah P. Hopkins, m. Nov. 9, 1840, Naomi, dau. of Josiah Orcutt of Monmouth. They were enterprising and industrious farmers, honest and upright citizens. He d. Mar. 22, 1886; wife d. July 7, 1888. Children:—Prudence Olivia, b. Dec. 19, 1841, m. pub. Aug. 21, 1869, Charles A. Richards of Roxbury, Me. Their residence is Maysville, Colorado, Ranchos. Martha Ann Chesman, b. Oct. 29, 1845, m. Henry F. Floyd, formerly of New Hampshire. Oliver Chandler Hopkins, b. May 30, 1851, m. Sept. 23, 1874, Alice M., b. Sept.

19, 1853, dau. of Benj. and Sarah W. Roberts. Children:—Edith L., d. Oct. 19, 1882, ae. 2 years, 9 months, 6 days. Merle, b. Oct. 27, 1891.

This family's house was the home of Mrs. Hopkin's childhood. The farm was first cleared and settled by Amos Knight, probably around 1800. Their first child was born 1804, evidently on this farm. The present owners are prominent and highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Hopkins has held important offices in town and was Master of Peru Grange in 1905.

Peter Hopkins, Jr., 2nd, m. Unity Frost and moved to Franklin Plantation. Writer presumes Unity was a descendant of Noah Frost. Children:—Peter, Jr., 3d, who entered the ministry and was Rev. Peter, Jr., 3d; Ebenezer K.; Silence, who m. Elbridge Wing, the father of Viola B., improving the strain. George Hopkins, m. Sarah Prey. Children:—Isaac W., m. Mary R. Abbott and Francesca C., m. Edison G. Spofford; their son, Geo., in Massachusetts; Anson G. Hopkins, m. Affie Randall; Isaac W. Hopkins, ae. 18, mustered Sept. 29, 1862, Co. F, 23d Me. Regt., dis. July 15, 1863. He d. Apr. 25, 1880, leaving his widow and dau., Bertha.

Rev. Peter Hopkins held religious service on a Sunday at the Methodist meeting house near the close of his ministry. He gave testimony of special blessings, temporal and spiritual, that came to him in connection with his labor in the ministry. It is well known that his salary and the salary of those before him in the ministry was meager, yet God rewards His faithful servants, and the general tenor of this servant's talk was that it pays to be a Christian. Temporal blessings come unsolicited. It was not the big salary of the twentieth century that induced old time ministers to follow this vocation. On the contrary, they were prompted, yes, impelled, to save and restore fellow-men. Armed and equipped with spiritual power, they sought to do the Divine Will. The standard quality of old time religion was the spiritual brand. More of it is needed in this age of the world.

Rev. Peter, Jr., 3rd, b. around 1814, d. Apr. 23, 1889, m. Mar. 17, 1840; Experience, dan. of Sampson and Betsey Howe of Rumford. Their children:—Hiram P., b. 1841, d. in army service, Co. D, 12th Regt., Me. Vols., war of '61, Jan. 26, 1862. His mother went South, visited the regiment and place of son's burial. She identified the remains by his stockings that she had knit for him at home. He was brought home to Franklin Cemetery; dau., Vesta L., b. 1845, d. Apr. 2, 1862. Ebenezer K. Hopkins, b. in

Franklin, Dec., 1823, d. Mar. 6, 1902, m. Cynthia, dau. of Chas. K. Johnson; wife d. Nov. 19, 1896. Mr. Hopkins was a professor and good exhorter of religion. Children:—Chas. K., d. Dec. 11, 1864, ac., 8 years; John, b. Feb. 26, 1850, m. Oct. 25, 1875, Mary E. dau. of Mike Luoney. Their children are Jennie M., who m. Edgar Otis Wyman; Willie A. Hopkins, b. Aug. 24, 1880, res. West Peru Vill.; occupation, farm laborer. He is nicely situated.

### Samuel Holmes, Jr.

Samuel Holmes, Jr., a lineal descendant of John Holmes, who came to Plymouth, Mass., in 1632, was born in Amherst, Mass., June 17, 1797; m. (1st) Mar. 4, 1819, Clarissa A., dau. of Maj. David Marston of Monmouth. Prior to coming to Maine, he was a soldier in war of 1812-14, mustered at Pittsburg, served three weeks and received an honorable discharge. His children, b. in Monmouth, were:—Samuel Leonard, b. Feb. 12, 1820, m. Dec., 1849, Louisa T. Paige of Oldtown. They had three sons, Samuel Leonard, Jr., b. Nov., 1850, in Harrison, Me., enlisted 3 years in U. S. navy when 14 years old, discharged in foreign port, went on merchant vessel, came to Fall River in 1905, having been absent 40 years; second son, Edward Caleb, b. Oct., 1852, in Oldtown, d. in three years; third son, Edward Caleb, b. Dec., 1856; wife d. June 5, 1880. Samuel Leonard, m. (2nd) Phidelia A. Lufkin, "widow," was Godwin, in Rumford; no issue. Mr. Holmes spent his declining years here and d. around 1906. Samuel Leonard, Jr., m. in Oakland, Cal., May, 1876, Jennie Davis. She d. May, 1882. The above Miss Clarissa A. Marston came with parents from Epping, N. H., in 1794. Mr. Holmes located near Monmouth Academy, where three or more of the oldest children had school advantages.

The second child of Samuel Holmes was Mary Elizabeth, b. June 11, 1821, m. Jan. 31, 1847, Rev. Seth B. Chase (see life of Chase family). David P., b. Mar. 15, 1823. He, with the other members of his father's family, came from Monmouth to Peru in 1839, having purchased the Samuel Walker farm adjoining the Daniel Lunt farm on river. David P., on attaining his majority, was employed a term of years in Boston, in mercantile pursuits, as clerk or salesman. He m., June, 1856, Jerusha, dau. of Chas. Morse of Dixfield; had two children, Chas. O., b. June, 1858, d. Apr. 21, 1865; Grace A., b. Jan., 1870. David P. Holmes was a man of unblemished character, modest and refined. It is doubt-

ful if he ever gave offense by word or deed. It was easy for him to be a Christian; seemed to be born that way. His home was in Massachusetts through life after marriage. He settled his father's estate with his stepmother at Dixfield very satisfactorily, without administration. He d. in Massachusetts, Jan. 1, 1888; was interred at the family lot, East Peru. Three years later, widow remarried E. C. Stuart, res. Colorado. Clarissa Augusta, b. Feb. 2, 1827, is a highly esteemed Christian maiden lady, living at 1168 Highland Ave., Fall River, Mass.

Orpheus, b. Mar. 16, 1829. He was a steady young man of good habits. Like all the children of the family, he had no use for tobacco in any form, or spiritous liquors. On leaving home to act for himself, he chose railroading. He was serving as brakeman on freight train when near Blackstone, Mass. Train was passing an overhead crossing; he was felled from top of car and killed, June 26, 1852. His grave is at East Peru. Lewis, b. May 13, 1831, was 8½ years old when family came to Peru, and here he completed his school days in district No. 1. On leaving home he began railroading at Boston, and served many years. He m. (1st) in 1863, Susan A. Collins, dau. of Hiram Collins of Bakersfield, Vt. Their home was in Willimantic, Conn., where were b., Nov. 1863, Lewis M., who d. 1886, Riss b. 1875, d. 1886, both deaths a few days apart. Inez M., b. Jan. 26, 1876; m. Dec. 17, 1903, Hugh La Master, res. Tecumseh, Neb. Children, Cherius M., b. Oct. 22, 1904; second child, b. July 22, 1906; wife, Susan A., d. Mar. 23, 1893. Mr. Holmes m. (2nd) July 17, 1894, Mary, dau. of Benj. Ellis, in Monmouth. They lived on wife's home place till his death, May 14, 1908; sickness, rheumatism and cancer in stomach. He was a Christian, respected and loved by all. Mrs. Holmes retains her home. No issue.

Chester D. Holmes b. Dec. 4, 1832. He was a brilliant young man; was allowed to seek employment in Boston before of age. Confinement in doors proved detrimental to his health and constitution. Had he continued a farm life, doubtless he would have lived longer. He died of consumption on birthday, Dec. 4, 1866. Grave, E. Peru. Eliza Ann, b. Feb. 25, 1835, m. in 1861, Milford Young in East Harwich, Mass. He d. in 1863. Widow m. 2nd, John W. Starkweather. They have 4 children, 3 daughters living, 1905. Wm. Henry Harrison b. in Peru July 28, 1840. He was a promising youth. He attained a good knowledge of common school studies.

Wife Clarrissa d. Mar. 14, 1848, æ. 51 yrs. the mother of ten chil. in twenty years. Mr. Holmes' second wife was Nancy, dau. of James Lunt, m. Sept. 17, 1848. Children:—Nancy Helen, b. Sept. 29, 1849, d. Jan. 31, 1862; James L., b. Aug. 15, 1851. After graduating from the district school, he attended seminary at Kent's Hill. Was there in spring of 1870, m. Sept. 1876, Della Foot of Adrian, Mich. Child:—Sam'l E., b. 1877, d. May 1878; Orpheus, b. May 23, 1853, d. Jan. 18, 1862. Death in 1862 due to diphtheria; Dorcas, b. June 19, 1856, d. July 27, 1856, stifled in bed. No crib.

Wife Nancy, d. Nov. 20, 1868. Samuel Holmes m. 3d, Rebecca Hall (widow) of Jonathan Hall. He sold his farm soon to Seth Babb for \$2800 and bought the Lyman Eustis stand at Dixfield village, where he lived a quiet life till close, Feb. 25, 1882. He was a pensioner for 1812 war. Mrs. Holmes survives him and is pensioned 1910. To show the decline of farm value, Holmes farm was sold 1901 for \$1200, condition as good as at former sale. Samuel Holmes possessed energy, force and good judgment. He was honest, generous, upright; he squared his daily life by the golden rule. He was prominent in town affairs and Moderator in Town Meetings many years; prominent in the Methodist Church and all moral reforms.

### Obituary

Mrs. Rebecca Hall Holmes died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Nelke, at 765 Dudley street, Dorchester, Mass., on the eighth of March 1911, in her 82d year. Mrs. Rebecca, widow of Samuel Holmes of Dixfield and Peru, Maine. Deceased for some months has been slowly failing from the infirmities of age. She was one of six daughters of the late Amos Lindsey and Hannah Leavitt of Canton. The children were Lydia, Jane, Dwight, Rebecca, Emily, Isabel, Clarinda M. and Harriet C., of whom the last only survives.

The following lines to his mother were written by her son, John Hall, on her 81st birthday:—

Dear mother,

'Tis almost sunset;

Life's journey is nearly done,

How wearisome seems the closing

Of four-score years and one!

O the long and toilsome journey,  
 The ebbing tide of the years.  
 Over mountains bathed in sunshine,  
 Thru valleys bedewed with tears.

Dear mother, 'tis almost morning,  
 The dawn of a brighter day;  
 The ripened harvest is garnered,  
 The reapers have gone away.

What joy to join the dear ones,  
 Who wait on the other shore,  
 Where Love is Life eternal  
 And sorrow is nevermore.

### Edward Hall in Duxbury

Duxbury was first called Duxborrow side and was a sort of summer resort for many of the pilgrims who were in need of more land. At first they returned to Plymouth winters for safety from the Indians and for church and other conveniences. Seven of the Mayflower pilgrims made it their permanent home and nine others who came in the Fortune. The town extended North to North River, W., taking in Pembroke and the Bridgewaters. Marshfield was first separated. The General Court was in Plymouth where all matters were settled. The early pilgrims were mostly English. Their occupation was "getting a living any way they could." At a Court of Assistants held Oct. 2, 1637, ten acres of land was granted to Edward Hall, lying in Duxbury near Marshfield. At court June 2, 1637-8, the last will and testament of John Cole was proved by John Maynard and Edward Hall.

"Edward Hall of Duxborrow is lycensed Feb. 4, 1638-9 to build upon his lot there if Mr. Collier, Mr. Partrich, Jonathan Brewster and William Bassett shall think meete and appoynt some other neighbors also to build by him for the good of the town." Nov. 30, 1640 Edward Hall is granted 25 acres of land at Manassacusset. June 1, 1647 Edward Hall and Job Browne were Supervisors of Highways. In 1646-7 Edward Hall comp'd Agt. Capt. Myles Standish and Jonathan Brewster etc. for what was due him for building the court. They satisfy and pay him according to their agreement. Constant Southworth sold land to Edward Hall afterwards bought by John Alden.

Aug. 1643, Edward Hall was one of the home militia enrolled in Duxbury able to bear arms between the age of 16 and 60. In 1645 an expedition fitted out against the Narrohiggansets (Indians) and their confederates that contained six Duxbury men, who went first and among them Edward Hall. They were in service seventeen days and received pay as follows: £4 5s from Plymouth colony and afterwards £6 15s from the town. Duxbury was incorporated 1637. The word "colony" above refers to Mass. under her first charter of colonial government, Plymouth being one of the colonies, and Wm. Bradford then Governor. Two of Edward's older children mentioned in Duxbury history (made known 1911) were John b. 1651, and a dau. named for her mother, Esther or Hester, b. Oct. 23, 1654. Winthrop's historian gives the name of wife Esther or Hester, Duxbury's historian gives Hester. Both fail to give maiden name. Later record gives Hester and chil., John, b. 1651; dau. Hester, b. Oct. 23, 1654. Benj., the 4th child b. Aug. 7, 1668 about two years before parent Edward's death. Name of his 3d child is not revealed.

### Hall Family

The ancestor of the first Hall family in Dixfield and Peru, represented by Jeremiah, Jonathan and Jefferson in 1821, so far as known was Edward and wife Hester Hall of Duxbury, Mass. They were in this country as early as 1636. After living in several towns they settled 1655 in Rehoboth, Mass. He d. Nov. 27, 1670. His 4th child, Benjamin, b. Rehoboth Aug. 7, 1668, m. in Wrentham Jan. 9, 1691-2, Sarah Fisher, where he lived and d. Aug. 25, 1726, and wife d. Nov. 2, 1756. Their children:—Sarah, b. Feb. 20, 1696-7, d. before 1708-9; Jeremiah, b. May 23, 1697; Dorothy, b. May 20, 1700, m. Sept. 14, 1720, Samuel Ellis; Benjamin, b. May 8, 1703, m. Nov. 15, 1727, Betty Blake; Preserved, b. Nov. 28, 1706, m. Sept. 10, 1729, Abigail Whitney in Wrentham; Sarah Hall, b. Mar. 15, 1708-9, m. Aug. 22, 1734, Peter Lyon of Walpole.

The children of Preserved and Abigail (Whitney) Hall:—Abijah, b. July 18, 1730; Timothy, b. Apr. 29, 1732; Esther, b. Apr. 16, 1734; Jonathan, b. Feb. 7, 1735-6; Jeremiah, b. June 16, 1738, m. Oct. 16, 1760, Betty Blake in Wrentham; Nathan, b. Sept. 4, 1740. He had a wife Elizabeth and dau. Mary, b. Mar. 12, 1773; Abijah, b. Oct. 21, 1774 and Betty, b. Feb. 21, 1776. He d. Oct. 26, 1775 in Winthrop, Me. Parent Preserved Hall d. Hallowell, Me., 1780.

Josiah Hall, b. May 16, 1743. His wife's given name was Amiable. Their children were Nathan, b. Jan. 22, 1765; Allen, b. Jan. 29, 1767, m. 1788, Maria Lyon; Abigail, b. Apr. 13, 1769, m. 1789, Church Brainard. The last child of Preserved Hall is Abigail, b. Nov. 8, 1745, m. Nathaniel Stanley in Winthrop. Descending to the next generation the aforementioned Jeremiah and Betty (Blake) Hall m. Oct. 16, 1760, had son, Liberty, b. Wrentham Mar. 30, 1775, m. Readfield, Me. Pub. as per Readfield record Feb. 15, 1799, Lydia Foster of Monmouth, dau. of Daniel Foster. He d. June 15, 1816 and was buried in Dixfield. Wife d. a year or two previous, was carried to Readfield for interment. Preserved Hall was a land owner in Winthrop before 1774 though his residence, as shown by Probate of Will in 1780, was Hallowell. His sons, Nathan, Josiah and Jeremiah the father of Liberty were residents of Winthrop. Nathan had a house and lot in 1772. Josiah was prominent in town affairs and Town Clerk in 1776 and last town office 1781. He left town 1781-82. Jeremiah was an active, energetic man, could make and keep money. He was the first man to erect a dam and saw mill at North Monmouth. He bought a lot of land in Winthrop in 1778 and was received into the Congregational Church there the same year. The latest date of residence is 1783, when Assurity on Probate Bond.

Children of Liberty and Lydia (Foster) Hall:—Thomas F., b. Feb. 13, 1800; Jeremiah, b. Sept. 13, 1801; Jonathan, b. Aug. 14, 1802; Erastus, b. March 25, 1804; these four b. Readfield; Liberty, Jr., b. June 2, 1805; Jefferson, b. Apr. 27, 1807; Elbridge, b. June 2, 1811; Elijah, b. Apr. 27, 1809; Robert L., b. Oct. 28, 1812, five b. Dixfield.

Following the death of the parents, several of the boys had homes with the farmers in Peru. Liberty lived with George Walker a term of years, Jeremiah lived with Adam Knight and all grew up to be worthy, influential men. They were of stalwart frame and were active and progressive for that period with limited advantages. Three of them, Jeremiah, Jefferson and Robert in Peru were identified as prominent pillars in erecting and maintaining the Methodist Church there many years. Jeremiah established the first ferry below Dixfield village one half mile, in 1828-9, last known as Brown's Ferry.

Thomas F. Hall, the first son of Liberty and Lydia (Foster) Hall, b. Readfield Feb. 13, 1800. He settled in town of Enfield, Me., m. and had sons who were laborers many years ago in Lewiston.

Jeremiah Hall d. Glencoe, Minn., 1884, m. Sarah Knight, d. at Atlantic City, Mo., 1888, b. 1808, dau. of Samuel and Olive (Foss) Knight of Peru in 1825. Children:—Liberty 2nd, b. July 27, 1826; Flavil S., b. Aug. 26, 1831; Virgil, b. May 12, 1833; Virintha, b. May 6, 1835; Virtaline C., b. Oct. 9, 1837; Mary Angeline, b. Jan. 15, 1842; Sarah Adelaide, b. July 2, 1844; Elvira, b. Feb. 26, 1848. Of these children, Liberty m. 1st, Lenora, dau. of Joseph and Eliza (Walker) Ricker, Peru, Aug. 1849. No issue. Wife died Aug. 12, 1852, ae. 24 yrs. Married 2nd at Rochester, N. Y., Maria Cobb, June 6, 1854. Their children:—Clifford Flavil Hall, b. May 20, 1855, m. Mar. 1885, Jennie R. Dunn, dau. of Thomas Dunn of Moline, Ill. Wife d. Mar. 23, 1903, m. 2nd, Feb. 20, 1905, Agnes A. Legler, dau. of Henry Legler, Valley Falls, Kan.; Chas. G., b. June 25, 1857, drowned July 3, 1867; Lillis Lenora, b. Apr. 2, 1861, d. Dec. 25, 1863; Harry H. Liberty, b. Oct. 2, 1864, is a printer the "Whitside Sentinel," Morrison, Ill. Weenona, their only dau. living m. June 1899, Phil S. Creager. He is telegraphic editor of Kansas City Journal.

Flavil S. Hall, son of Jeremiah, did not marry. When about twelve years old, he was tending a shingle machine and in the act of taking a shingle from the saw, his hand was caught on the saw and cut at the wrist nearly off. Dr. Geo. W. Turner dressed the wound and saved the hand. Virgil Hall, born Peru, May 12, 1833, son of Jeremiah, m. May 13, 1869, Mary E. Ellis, b. Brighton, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1837. Children:—Virtie Isadore, b. Apr. 20, 1869; Carrie S., b. July 15, 1877; Fred B. V., b. Apr. 7, 1880. Virgil Hall died Glencoe, Minn., Feb. 6, 1887. Mary E. Ellis was the daughter of Ellis and Caroline Scudder and her mother was Dolly Dewey, aunt of George Dewey. Virtie Isadore m. July 3, 1889, June Lambert. Scotch by birth. They had four children:—J. Leroy, b. Apr. 1891; Mary, b. Mar. 2, 1893; Elwin Gerald, b. 1896; Erma, b. Dec. 26, 1899. Carrie S. m. a brother of June Lambert, a carpenter and a cartoonist. They had four children, as follows:—Virgil, b. 1892; Clifford H., b. 1895; Virtie M., b. 1897; Kemeth, b. 1906. The widow of Virgil m. 1891, James Phillips, Denver, Colorado. Contractor and builder. She d. at her son-in-law's, June Lambert, in Denver. Funeral Apr. 5, 1908, ae. past 60 yrs. Flavil S. was not strong and rugged after the injury. He died at Peru Sept. 24, 1851.

Elvira Hall m. Mar. 29, 1876 in Glencoe, Minn., Dr. Geo. W. Greaves of Spencer, Iowa. Children:—Arthur Clayton, b. Apr. 8, 1877; Mildred A., b. Dec. 23, 1878; Geo. Raymond, b. Feb. 7,

1881; Hubert and Helen, b. Dec. 8, 1882. They were adopted into the family of Wm. and Mary Greaves of Northfield, Minn., Dec. 1882, the mother Elvira Hall Greaves having died at date of their birth. (Marriage.) Arthur C. Greaves, m. Apr. 26, 1904, Ethel Wyatt. Born to them Oct. 17, 1906, Kenneth Wyatt Greaves; Geo. Raymond m. Aug. 31, 1904, Jessie Dobney; Hubert Greaves m. 1905. Arthur C., Geo. R. and Mildred A. spent most of their childhood in Spencer, Iowa, where they graduated from the high school. Arthur C. took a civil engineering course in the University at Madison, Wis., now practicing at Sturgeon Bay, Wis. Mildred A. and Geo. R. graduated from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia. The former is in the Y. W. C. A. work in Detroit, Mich. Geo. R. is Supt. of Schools at Wykoff, Minnesota. Hubert and Helen received their literary degrees from Carlton College, Northfield, Minn. Hubert is in the Methodist ministry in the Minnesota conference. Helen is teaching, principal of schools at Elgin, Minnesota.

Harry H. Liberty is a newspaper man. The Whiteside Sentinel published in Morrison, Ill. Clifford Flavil is president of Implement Publishing Co., Kansas City, Mo. These sons are men of ability and high ideals.

Fred B. V. Hall, son of Virgil, m. 1901, Bessie Eberman of Denver. Their children:—Eugene, b. Jan. 7, 1903; Fred, b. Mar. 1905. The parent, Fred, is employed at the Carbonate Paint Works, Denver, and lived when this was written just across the way from his mother, Mrs. Mary Hall Phillips, Denver.

Virgil Hall, son of Jeremiah, served his country in War of the Rebellion, in an independent Co. of Zouaves. He was in the battle of Bull Run when his term of service, three months, expired. He returned to Rochester, N. Y. where he drilled another Co. In 1862 he accepted a position in New York City as head manager of Dr. Bly's Manufactory, Artificial Limbs. In the fall of 1868 the families of Liberty and Virgil Hall moved from Rochester to Glencoe, Minn. Liberty began farming. Virgil was appointed mail agent and carried the mail from Hastings, Minn. to the then terminus of the H. & D. R. R. Three years after in 1878 he was P. M. at Glencoe, which office he held ten years to a day. Daughter Virgie was his first assistant in the P. O. before her marriage, followed by Carrie who served till family moved to Denver, fall of 1889.

### Jonathan Hall and Descendants

Jonathan, the 3d son of Liberty Hall, Sr., b. Aug. 14, 1802 in Readfield, m. Dec. 1, 1826, Polly Lunt, b. Apr. 22, 1807, dau. of

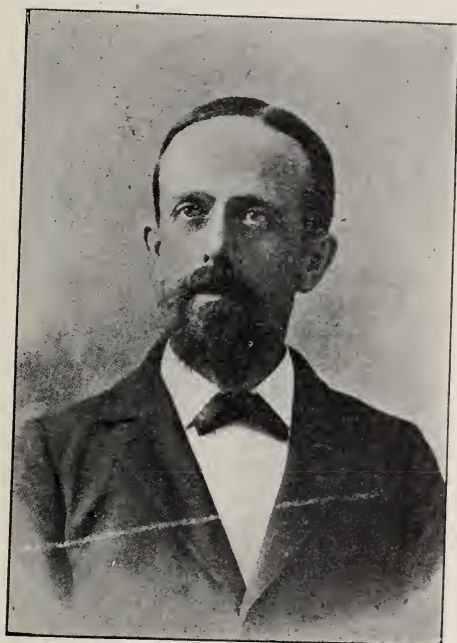
Daniel and Rhody (Starbird) Lunt of Peru. It is said Mr. Hall was in poor health at the time of his marriage, so much so, that the Lunt family were not pleased to have their only daughter m. an invalid, but their protests did not avail. Their only child, Jonathan, Jr. was b. Feb. 12, 1827. The father, Jonathan, died of lingering illness, probably consumption, when the son was about six months old. This was the only grandchild of Daniel and Rhody Lunt. Widow Polly Hall remarried John M. Deshon, a rich merchant at Canton, June 21, 1835. She took the boy Jonathan with her to live with Mr. Deshon and he was brought up a clerk in his store. Polly Deshon died of child birth, twins neither of whom lived, Mar. 13, 1836. Jonathan remained an assistant in the store several years. He m. Oct. 29, 1848, Rebecca, the dau. of Amos and Hannah (Leavitt) Lindsey of Canton, by occupation, "tanner." Not long after marriage Jonathan in company with his cousin, Liberty Hall, opened a store at Peru Center. Their goods in trade were furnished by J. M. Deshon. As neither of the firm had any capital, it was found when pay day came, their receipts would not balance the account, for goods sold. After awhile Liberty Hall withdrew from the firm agreeing to pay a certain sum as his portion of the debt due Deshon for goods. After earning the money he made good his promise. Jonathan continued store trade in connection with a trade he had learned, cobbler, a few months and closed store. He was a worthy, highly esteemed citizen in town, and raised a likely family of children. Great credit is due his wife. Jonathan was Town Clerk in Peru in 1854. His wife, Rebecca, was highly esteemed by all. Jonathan died Aug. 4, 1866, ae. 39 yrs., 6 mos. Children:—Dwight L., b. Nov. 23, 1849; John Franklin, b. Aug. 22, 1851; Manderville, b. Oct. 2, 1853; Susan, b. Dec. 30, 1856; Arthur D., b. Oct. 17, 1859; G. Fremont, d. Aug. 16, 1866, ae. 3 yrs. Inscription on headstone: "Went to join his father." Marriage of children:—Dwight Lindsey Hall, a farmer in Wilton, m. Aug. 8, 1870, Mary A., dau. of James M. and Martha (Waite) Carter of Peru. Children:—Lillian M., b. Mar. 1, 1872, d. Jan. 3, 1895, m. Sylvester Searls; Lindsey J., b. Dec. 28, 1875, m. Pearl Ireland, Oct. 20, 1898; Sadie Rebecca, b. May 20, 1874, m. Feb. 22, 1900, Cony P. Eaton. Lindsey and Earl are stone cutters, N. Jay quarry. They ride auto to quarry. Carl H., b. Apr. 28, 1878, m. Aug. 14, 1900, Alice Mac Miller; Etta M., b. Dec. 7, 1879, m. Ezra W. Small of Peru Annex, son of Royal Small; Susie E., b. June 13, 1882, m. 1st, Dec. 8, 1903, Geo. Goodspeed in Wilton, m 2nd, Goodyea Amos; Amos Dwight, b. June 27, 1886, a

barber in Wilton. Children of Carl H.:—Donald, b. Mar. 19, 1901; Louise, b. July 6, 1902. Children of Etta May Small:—Carl, b. May 5, 1898; Lawrence, b. Oct. 6, 1900; Evangeline, b. May 29, 1902.

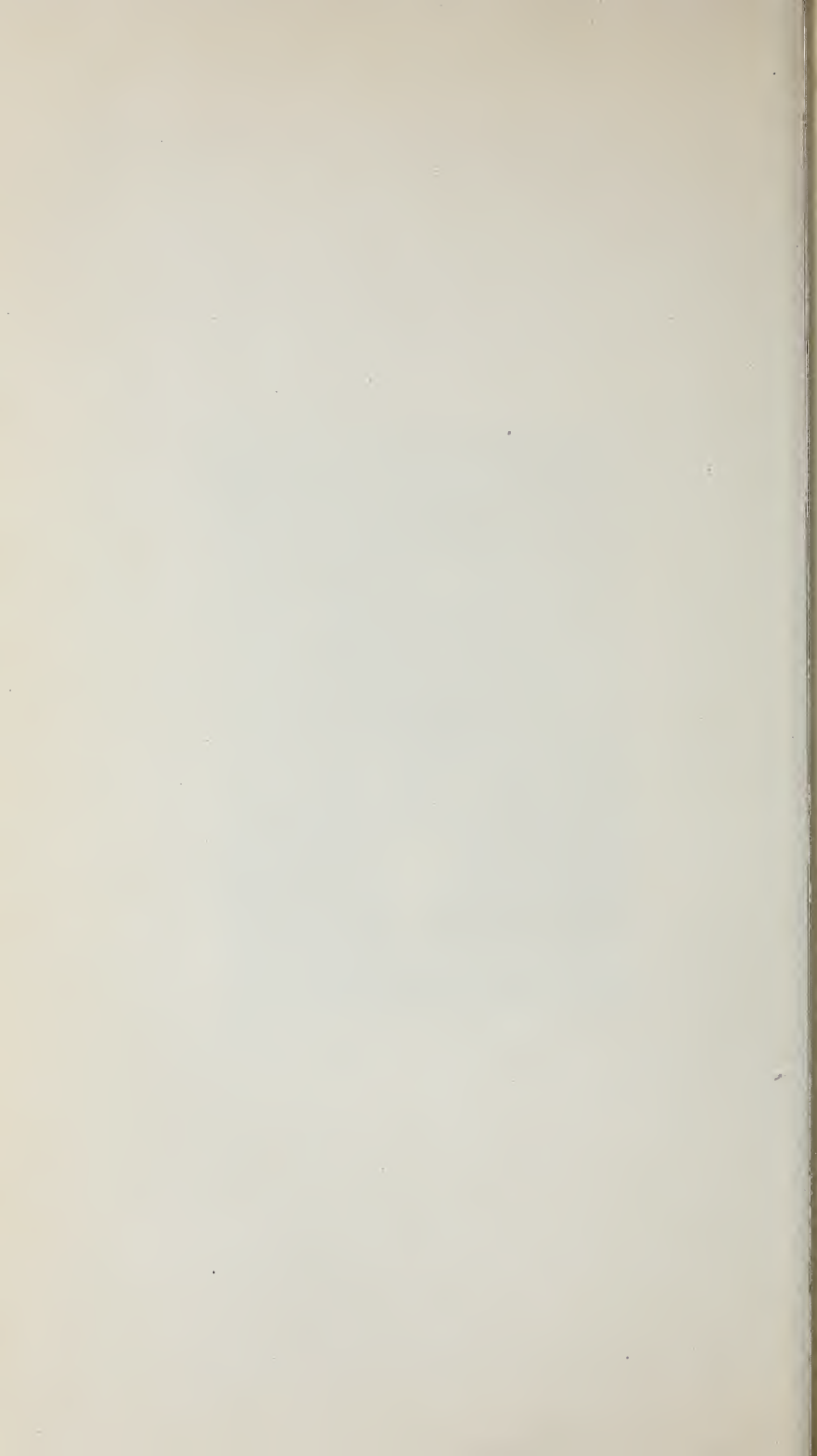
John Franklin Hall m. June 24, 1880, Eliza Underwood North, b. June 4, 1850, dau. of Dr. Joseph H. North of Oakland and Eliza Hall Underwood of Fayette. No children. His residence is Atlantic City, N. J. Profession, mechanical treatment for the ills of man.

John F. Hall attended the high school at Dixfield in the fall of 1869, taught his first school at West Peru the winter following, went to Kent's Hill Seminary with his brother-in-law, James Holmes, in spring of 1870, thence to Westbrook Seminary where he graduated in June, 1873. He taught school in Turner, Mexico and Greene and was two years in Bowdoin College in the class of 1878 where was conferred on him the degree of A. M. He next taught three years in N. J., two years as principal of Atlantic City high school. In 1879 he purchased the Atlantic Times newspaper and printing office; later added the Atlantic Democrat, forming the "Times-Democrat"; later he purchased the Star Gazette, consolidating all into one weekly. In 1883 he started the daily Evening Union. He conducted these till 1902 when he sold out. He was made president of the Board of Education of his city three years. This young man had to rely wholly upon his own resources to pay his expenses of schooling. Great honor is due him for overcoming obstacles that seem to many insurmountable.

Manderville Hall m. Oct. 6, 1881, Marcia Varney, b. Winslow, mother was Mary B. Garland, b. Parsonsfield, Me. He followed the trade of upholsterer in Winthrop a term of years, a first class workman. Children:—Alfred V., b. Sept. 27, 1882, graduated at Leavitt Institute and is now in college; Marion G., b. Apr. 27, 1884, took a course at Leavitt School. She is now teaching at Atlantic City, N. J.; Alice P., b. June 9, 1886; Mildred, b. June 18, 1888; Ruth, b. Dec. 16, 1890; John L., b. Mar. 17, 1893; Louise, b. Feb. 22, 1898. All these are being educated at the above school. This family have, till within two years, resided on the Dean Lunt farm in Peru. This and his brother Levi's farm, both comprising their father, Daniel Lunt's homestead, descended to the children of Jonathan Hall, Jr., the only son and heir of Polly Lunt and the only offspring of Daniel and Rhody Lunt. By arrangement between the heirs Manderville became owner and occupant of both farms. His wife at one time served as supervisor of schools in



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Peru, and was employed as teacher several years up to their removal to Turner Center, where at this writing they have charge of the Leavitt School boarding house.

Susan Hall, dau. of Jonathan, Jr., m. Mar. 17, 1881, Siegmund H. Nelke. Children:—J. Bernardine, b. Mar. 17, 1882; Hudson H., b. Sept. 25, 1885; Rose E., b. Apr. 21, 1887; Hermon S., b. Mar. 29, 1889. Susan, at this writing, Feb. 1907, is a clerk in a fancy goods store, address 765 Dudley St., Dorchester, Mass., where her mother now resides. Later she d. there, Mar. 8, 1911 in her 82nd year. A good woman is called to her reward. See obituary of Mrs. Samuel Holmes. Arthur D., m. 1st, Anne Ricker. She d. He m. 2nd, Ella Robinson. Wife d. Dec. 1908. Child:—Bertha May, b. Aug. 17, 1881. This man is barber and undertaker at Winthrop Village, Me. His dau. and only child is married and lives nearby. He is industrious and prosperous. He is sexton of the town and has secured an appropriation of \$200 to repair the old cemeteries and is having charge of the work in 1909.

### Erastus Hall and Descendants

Erastus Hall, b. Mar. 24, 1804, Readfield, Me., d. Dixfield, Sept. 26, 1878. He came with his parents and older brothers to Dixfield when less than a year old. They settled on a hill farm opposite East Peru, overlooking the Androscoggin River and the valley below. This son with parents continued on this farm through life. Erastus m. Jan. 10, 1829, Sarah Richmond, b. Rumford, Nov. 24, 1804, the daughter of Israel and Sarah (Bramhall) Richmond. Sarah Bramhall came from Plymouth, Mass. Israel Richmond was brother to Eliab Richmond of Severy Hill, Dixfield, an early settler. Sarah the wife of Erastus Hall, d. Jan. 30, 1890. Their children:—Christopher C., b. May 24, 1829, d. July 8, 1854; Elbridge G., b. Feb. 26, 1832, d. Nov. 9, 1895; Sarah J., b. Mar. 8, 1834, m. May 24, 1860, Orin Ross, Lynn, Mass. Child:—Mary, d. 1873; Nancy N., b. June 10, 1836, m. Aug. 3, 1861, Edward Hall, N. H. Child:—Lula, d. ae. 2 yrs; Rosilla R., b. May 27, 1838, m. 1868, Edward Hall. His 2nd wife has five children:—Nancy May, Arthur, Stella, Bertha and Dora, all m. and have nice homes; John T., b. July 28, 1841, d. 1892, m. Lucy Kenney in Canton. Children born as follows:—Columbus L., b. Jan. 8, 1867; Roscoe B., b. Oct. 22, 1869; S. Edith, b. Sept. 9, 1871; Herbert E., b. July 18, 1876; Bessie M., b. Feb. 6, 1877.

Christopher C., the first child of Erastus and Sarah Hall m. May 24, 1852, Elizabeth Bass, Boston. She lives in Newburyport, Mass. Christopher C. d. July 8, 1854, ae. 25 yrs. Their dau. Christiana C., b. Dixfield, Aug. 12, 1854, lived on home farm with grandparents when grown up, and from her we obtain much historical data of the Hall family. She m. Apr. 15, 1872, Henry H. Luce of Industry, son of Daniel C. and Lucy Ann (Lake) Luce, Industry. They live on the old Jack Marble farm, near what was Brown's Ferry, Dixfield. Their children:—Chas. S., b. 1874, keeps a country store, East Peru, m. Dec. 18, 1895, Elda H., b. Jan. 1, 1875, dau. of Seth and Dolly (Peabody) Babb. Two children:—Fred Luce, b. May 29, 1902; John Merton, b. Apr. 7, 1905. George E., b. 1878, m. Ellis Delano, son of Adelbert in Canton; Josephene N., b. 1880, m. George Child, named by adoption, being the son of Cyrus Knight and Ellen Babb before marriage and dau. of Geo. Babb, Peru. George is a good business man. Crossing of blood improves original status on the male side. Leon W., b. 1885, unmarried. Henry Clifford, b. 1888.

Obituary on monument to Christopher C. Hall:—

“A kind husband, son and brother,  
Dear to us, awhile was given;  
We've one less tie to bind us here,  
May we meet again in Heaven.”

Leroy R. son of Erastus, b. June 21, 1845, m. June 3, 1871, Mary W., d. Apr. 18, 1908, dau. of Caleb and Sarah (Bennett) Delano. Children:—Alice N., b. Oct. 25, 1872, m. Mar. 17, 1899, Frank H. Fish of Dixfield; Harris N., b. 1876, d. June 14, 1888; Wm. C., b. Aug. 9, 1878, m. May 24, 1898, Annie E. Bradeen of Minot. She d. 1899, m. 2nd, Ella M. Whittemore of Canton, June 21, 1903, dau. of Edwin and Ida (Smith) Whittemore. Children:—Leroy E., b. Aug. 3, 1903, Mary I., b. Apr. 9, 1904; Gerald A., b. May 17, 1907. The 4th child of Leroy R., and Mary W. Hall was Sarah G., b. Sept. 25, 1883, not married. Harris A., b. Dec. 26, 1892; Mary L., b. Apr. 25, 1894; Georgie E., b. Sept. 1895; Nathalie G., b. Sept. 28, 1904. Erastus R., son of Erastus, b. Dec. 29, 1848, d. Sept. 23, 1875, Dixfield, m. Anna Thornton, F. Plantation. They had three children, Winnefred, b. May 21, 1871, d. ae. 5 yrs., Mar. 1, 1876; Ella m. Fred Merriam, and Roscoe in Lynn, Mass., unmarried.

## The Richmond Ancestry

John Richmond, the progenitor of Eliab Richmond was b. in 1594 and came to America from Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, England around 1635. He was one of the purchasers of Taunton, Mass. in 1637. He d. there 1664. Had four children. The first was John, b. about 1627 in England. He m. Abigail Rogers, dau. of John of Duxbury, Mass. They were blest with eleven children. Abigail the last, was b. Feb. 26, 1679 in Newport, R. I. Our lineal descendant in this generation was Lieut. Joseph. Lieut. Joseph Richmond and his son, Christopher, were in Canada expedition of 1761. The fifth child b. Dec. 8, 1663 in Taunton, m. Jan. 26, 1685, Mary Andrews of Taunton. They have a record of nine children. The seventh was Henry.

Henry Richmond b. in Middlebury, Mass., m. Mehitable Caswell. They had nine children. The third child was Henry b. in Tehint. He m. 1st Sarah Washburn of Bridgewater, Mass., m. 2nd Submit Witherhead of Plymouth and removed to Hebron, Me. where he died. He was in the French and Revolutionary wars. He had eight children. The first, Eliab, b. Plymouth, Apr. 9, 1751, m. 1770, Hannah Holmes, b. Feb. 11, 1753 in Plymouth. He d. July 31 1831. Wife d. Mar. 19, 1848. He removed from Plymouth, Mass. to Hebron, Me. (now Oxford.) He was a farmer, noted for his industry. It is claimed he was wealthy at his death. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and engaged in several battles. He fell from a load of hay, causing his death when 80 yrs. old. His children were Hannah, Ruth and Israel, and eight more; the last was Rhoda, b. July 1, 1797, m. Jesse Witham.

Israel Richmond, the 3d child of Eliab, was b. Jan. 27, 1779 and m. 1st, Chloe Crooker, 2nd, Sarah Bromhall of Plymouth. Recapitulation. We have the heads of the generations as follows: John Richmond, John Richmond, Lieut. Joseph Richmond, Henry Richmond, Eliab Richmond, Israel Richmond, Sarah Richmond, who m. Erastus Hall, as shown in the history of Halls.

## Elbridge Gerry Hall

Elbridge Gerry Hall, 2nd son of Erastus, b. Dixfield, d. Nov. 9, 1895, m. Sept. 26, 1855, Martha Ann Plumstead, Lynn, Mass., dau. of Mathew Plumstead and Martha Crooker. before marriage of Bath, Me. Her brothers, Isaiah, Harding and Robert Crooker were among the first ship builders in Bath. Mathew Plumstead was high up in degrees of Mason and a Deacon in Cong. church.

He with family removed from Boston, Mass. to Dixfield and Mexico, Me. about 1860. Children b. in Boston:—Emma Etta, Aug. 2, 1856; Ella Frances, b. May 19, 1859. Children b. in Dixfield:—Martha Ellen, Feb., 1861. Children b. in Mexico:—George Elbridge, b. Jan. 31, 1863; Orin Ross, b. Mar. 7, 1866. Family removed to Cambridge, Mass., in 1869, where were b. Carrie Fairfield, Nov. 2, 1869; Fred Elbridge, b. Aug. 7, 1874 and Sara Brooks, b. Sept. 6, 1876. Was pupil at Normal Art School, Boston, d. Apr. 7, 1900. Marriages:—Emma Etta Hall m. Jan. 27, 1875, A. F. Jewell. Residence, Plainville, Conn. Their only child, Merton Hall Jewell, was b. Wales, Me., Dec. 13, 1878, d. Oct. 18, 1884. The parent, A. F. Jewell d. Wales, Me., Mar. 7, 1906. Ella Frances Hall m. at Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 25, 1880, F. P. Noera. Residence, Waterbury, Conn. Children b. Cambridge:—Florence Anna Noera, Jan. 11, 1882, graduate of St. Margrete Episcopal School, Wellesley College, 1903. Spent one year in Europe devoted to study of art. Ernestine Chester, b. July 11, 1885, graduated above school. Church singer Waterbury 3 yrs. Spent a year in Europe. Study of music. Frank Elbridge Noera, b. Malden, May 20, 1888, d. June 11, 1889. George B. d. in infancy. Edith Frances Emma b. Waterbury, Sept. 30, 1894. Hazel Hall Noera b. Waterbury, June 12, 1897. Martha Ellen Hall, M. D., m. Louisville, Kan. 1892, Rev. E. B. Smith of Iowa, graduate of Bible Training School at Chicago, also of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Boston, Mass. Child:—Martha Smith, b. in Kansas, Westmoreland, Aug. 21, 1894. Mother d. Mar. 16, 1899.

George Elbridge Hall d. Cambridge Dec. 5, 1874. Orin Ross Hall not m. Residence, Providence, R. I. Carrie Fairfield Hall m. Sept. 26, 1888, Dr. H. B. Babbitt. Residence, Plainville, Conn. Fred Elbridge Hall m. 1895, Ellen Chase Call. Residence, Providence, R. I. Clara Brooks Hall d. Apr. 7, 1900, unmarried.

Children of Dr. H. B. Babbitt and wife Carrie F. b. in Cambridge Mar. 24, 1890, Albert Bradford; b. Arlington Hts., Mass. Nov. 8, 1901, Henry Bradford.

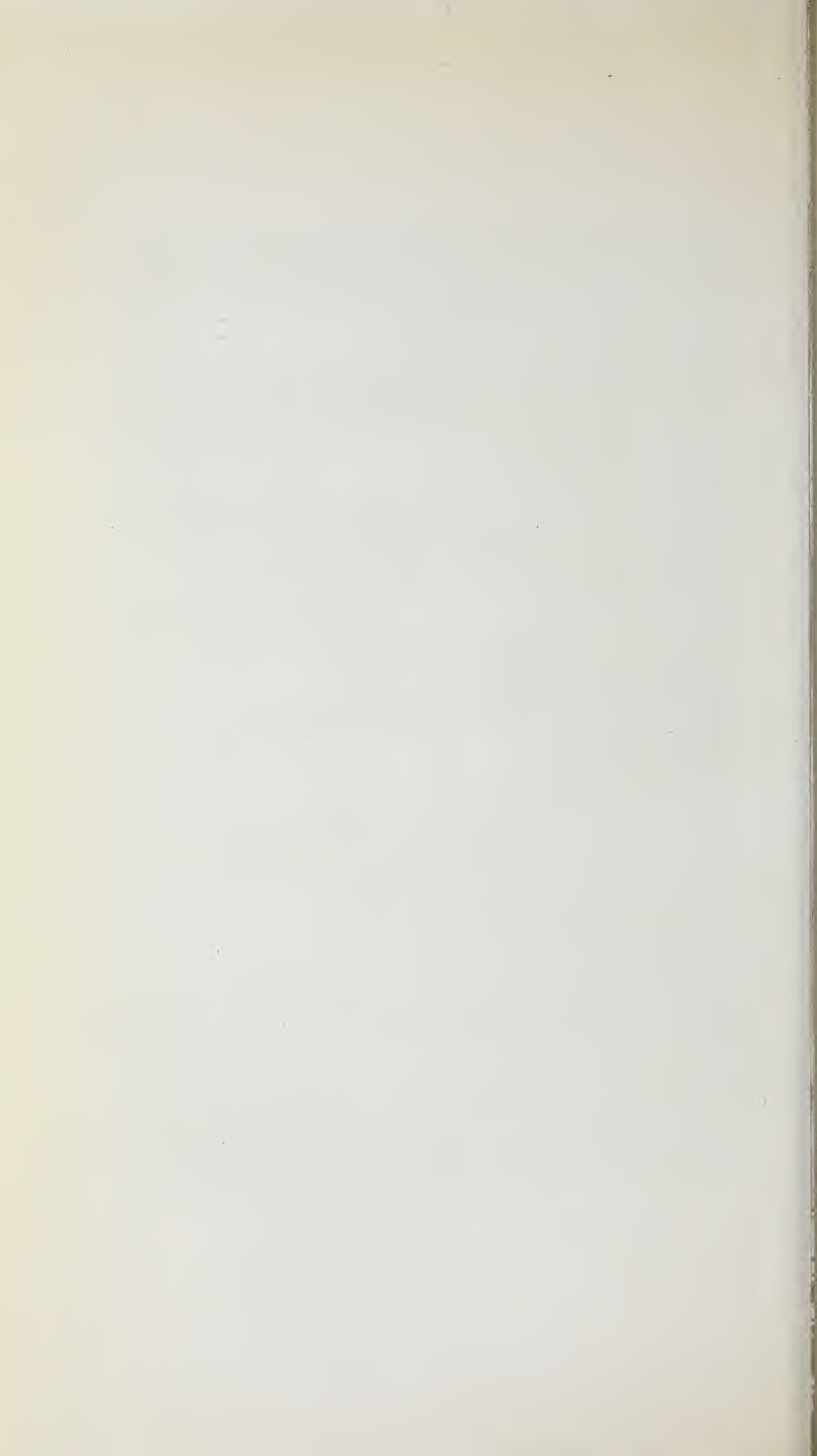
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#### Notes

Sarah Brooks Hall, dau. of Elbridge Gerry Hall, was a pupil of Normal Art School, Boston, d. ae. 23 yrs. Carrie Fairfield

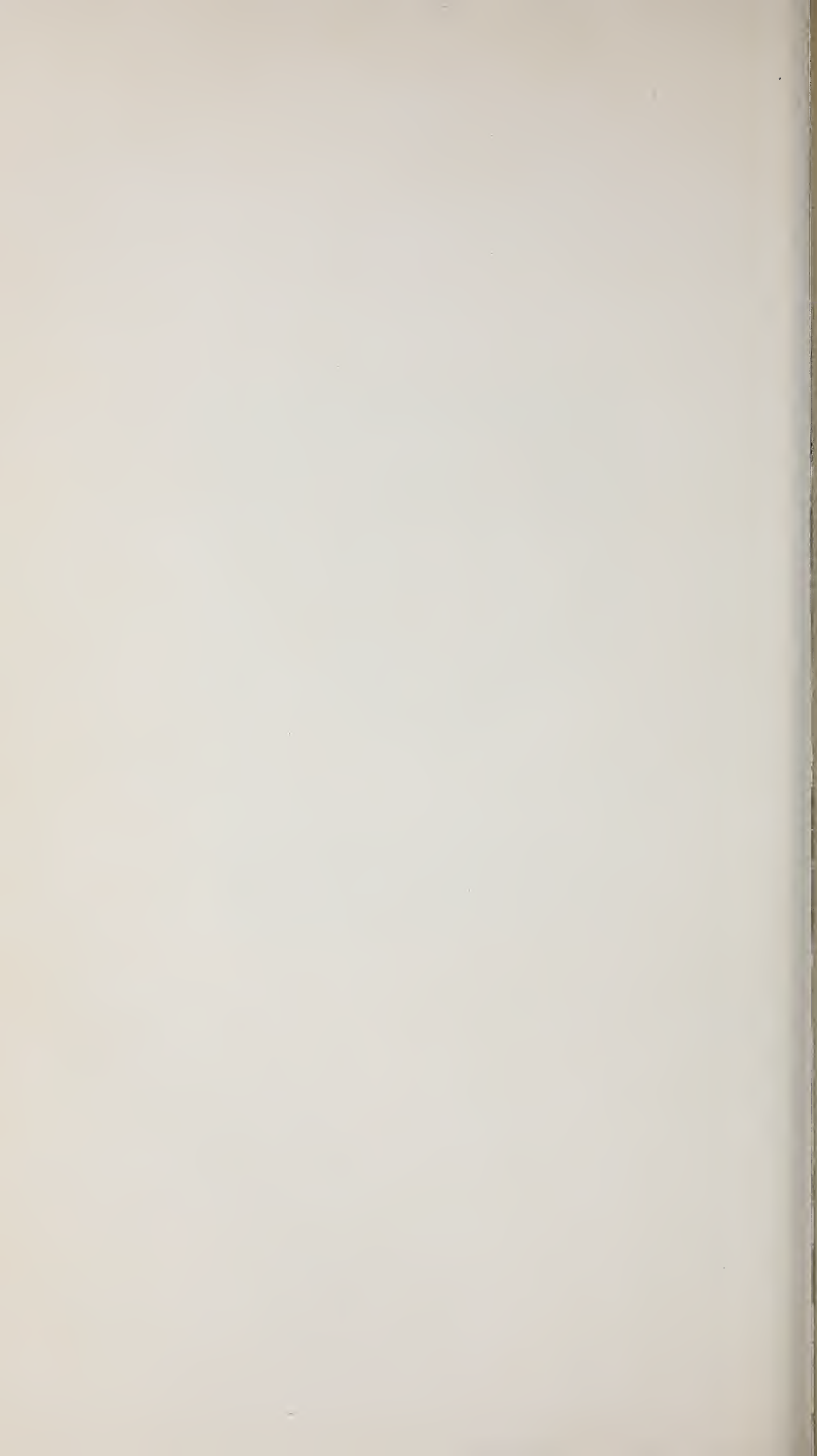


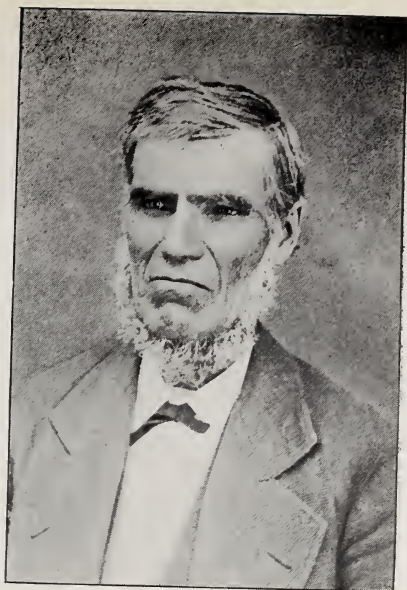
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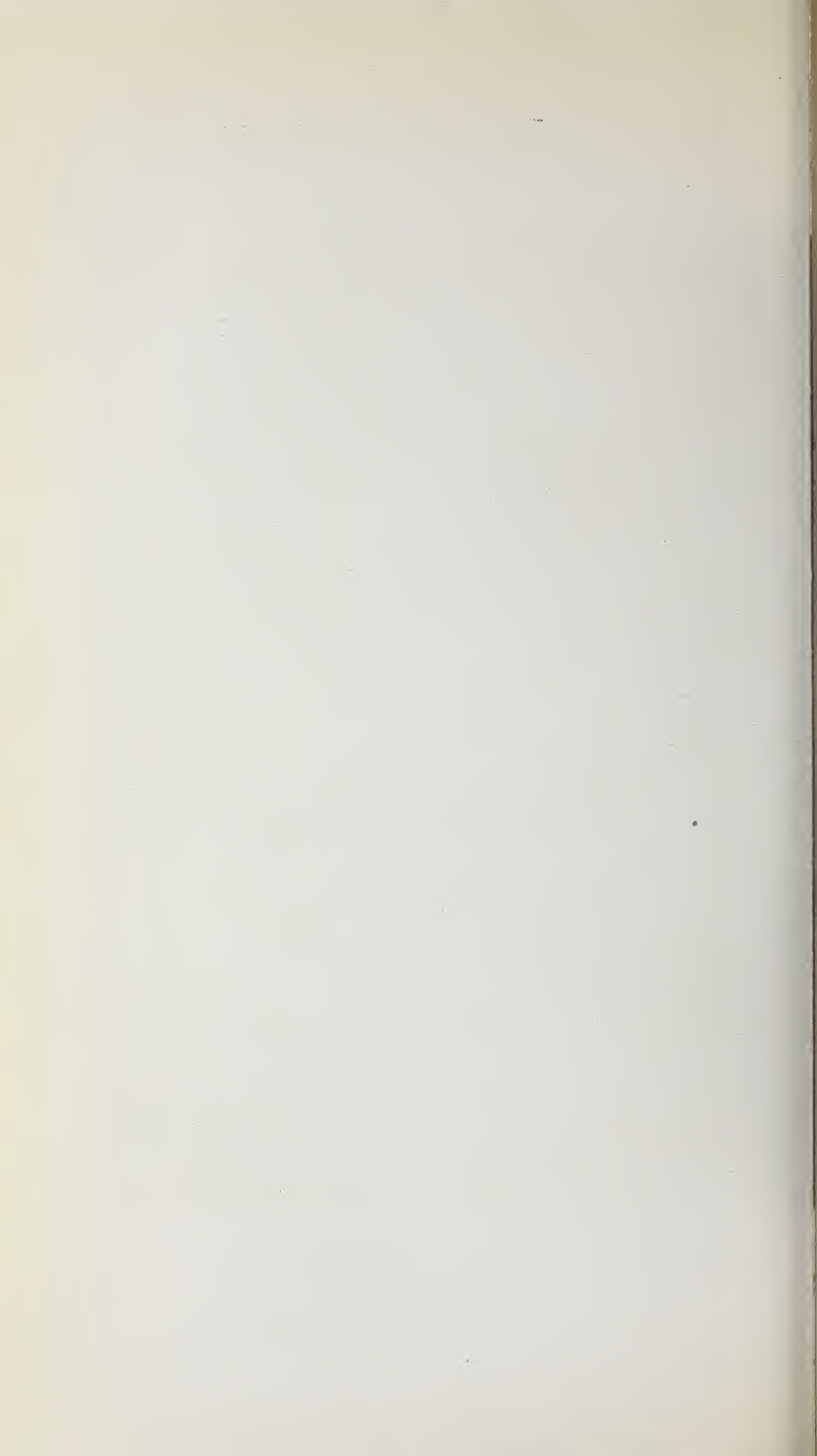




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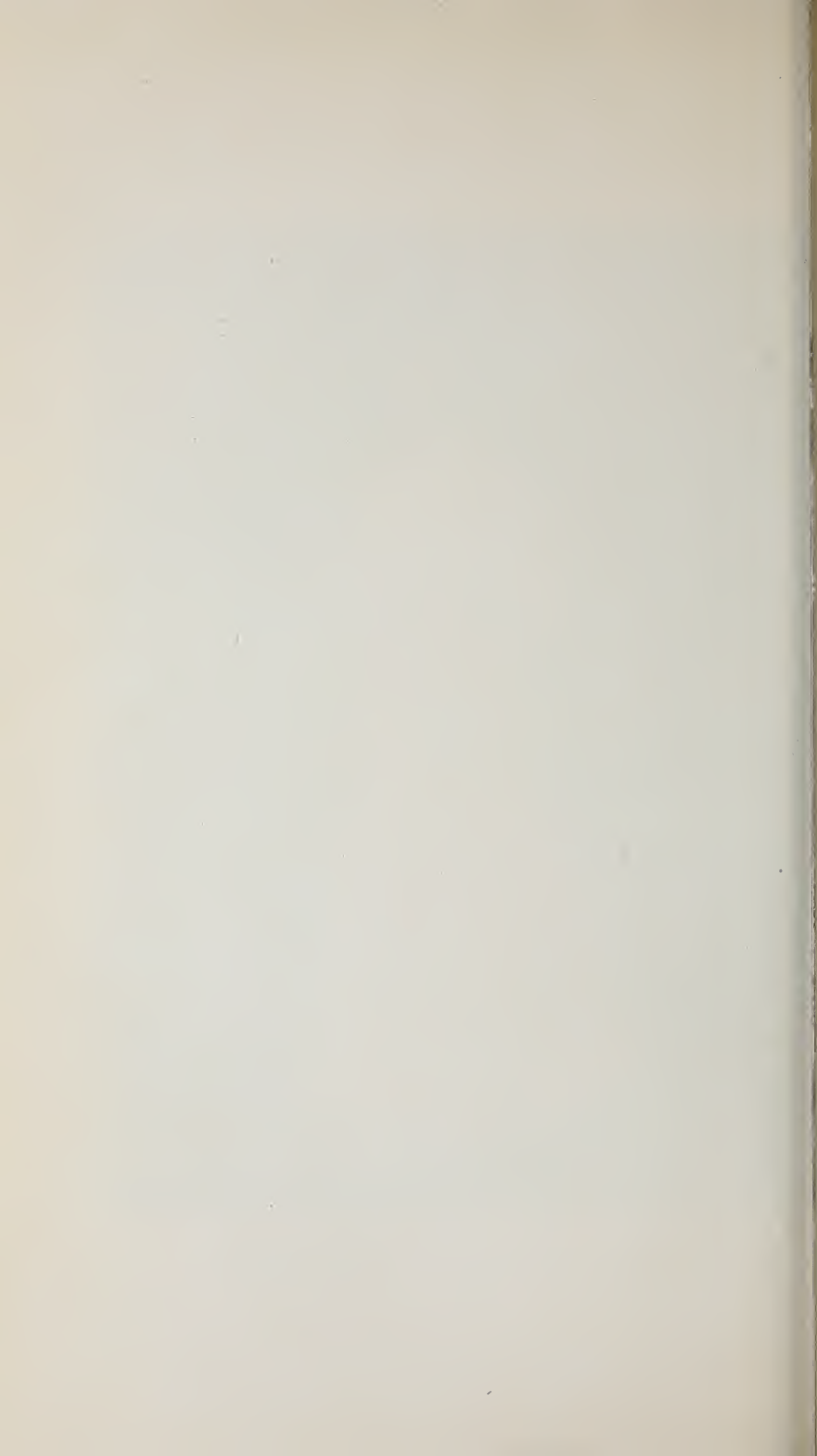


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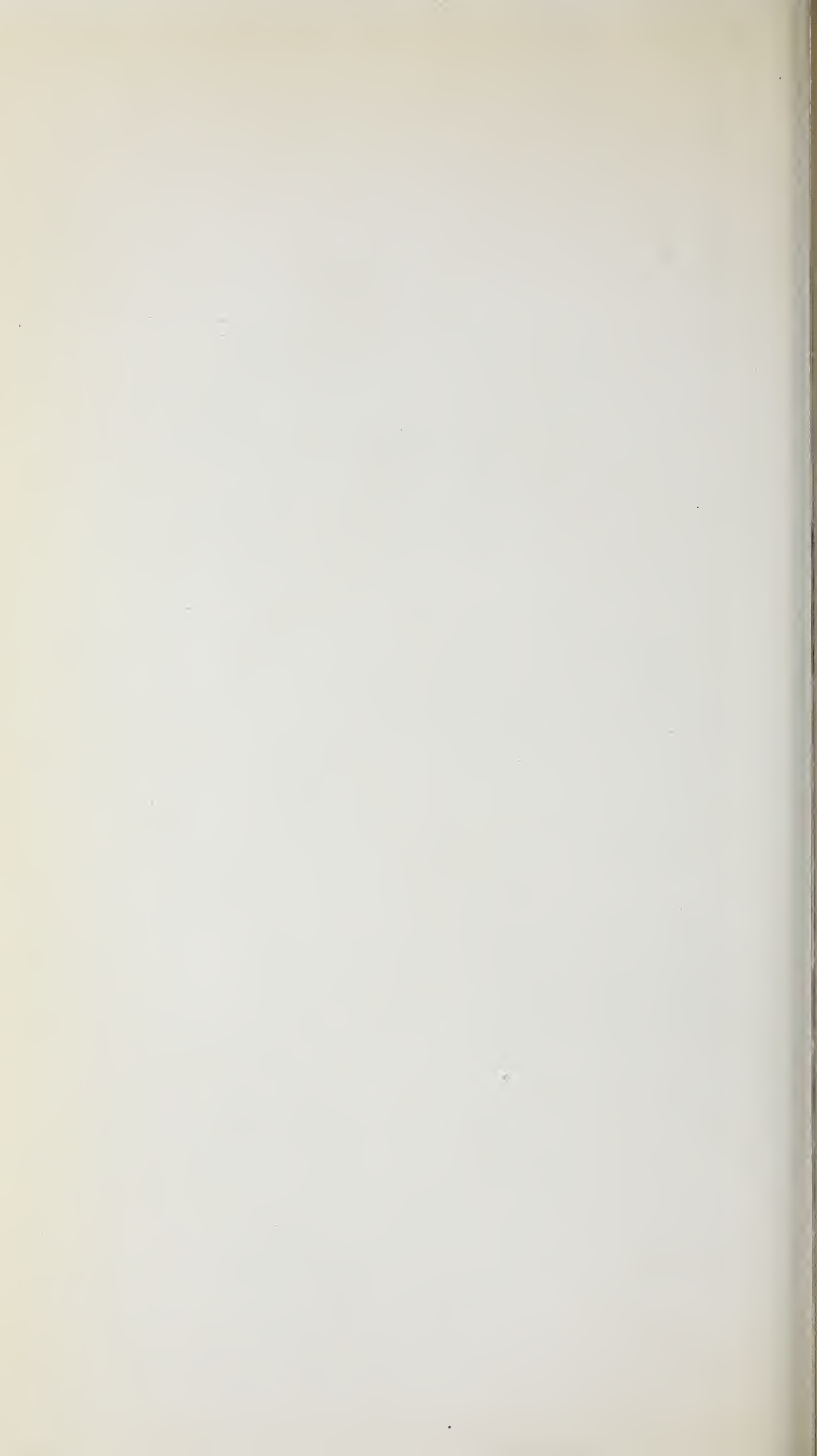


FLORENCE ANNA NOERA, b. 1882. Graduate of Wellesley, 1903.



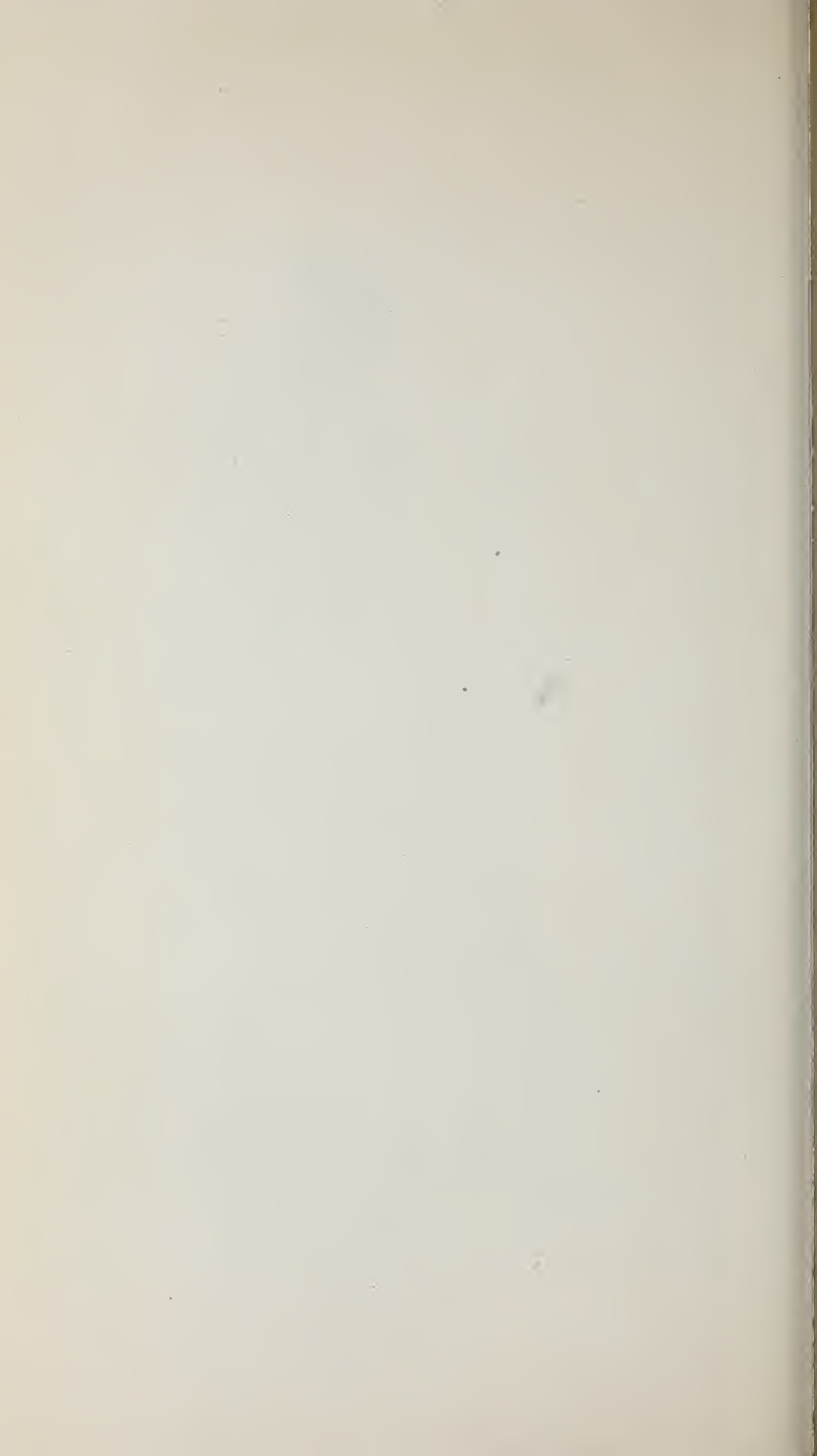


EDITH FRANCES EMMA NOERA, 1894.  
President of class of Saint Margaret School.





MRS. ELLA FRANCES NOERA. Waterbury, Conn.



pupil of Normal Art School, Boston, before marriage and artist. Fred Elbridge Hall and Orin Ross Hall form the firm of "The Hall Cleansing Co." 227 Cranston St., Providence, R. I. doing a large business. "F. P. Noera, Principal of The Noera Mfg. Co. Implements and Hardware Specialties," has a National reputation, Waterbury, Conn.

## Jeremiah Hall

Jeremiah Hall and family, with his brothers Robert L. and Liberty and their families, moved from Peru to Concord, N. H. in 1853. The two brothers named worked as carpenters for the Concord Wagon Co. Liberty Hall, the son of Jeremiah, was employed as traveling book agent by a Boston firm in 1854. In that year, June 6, he remarried Maria Cobb of Rochester, N. Y., taking his wife home to his father's in Concord. At that time Robert L. Hall had lost his 1st wife, Sybil Kyle, and their son, Robert Quimby, born 1842. Their dau., Mary Jane, b. 1835, m. about 1854, Jack Crosby. They lived with their father, Robert L., there and afterwards at Fisherville, N. H., after he had m. 2nd, Mary A., dau. of James and Mercy (Coolidge) Lunt of Peru on May 31, 1855. Robert and Mary were living at West Peru village in 1859 and 1860. He d. July 9, 1866. They had two children:—Jennie M., b. Mar. 9, 1860, d. Jan. 27, 1878 and Ernest, who grew to manhood, and with his mother moved to Auburn where she d. Oct. 10, 1888. Robert's first dau. did not return to Maine. Liberty, the brother of Jeremiah, returned with family to Peru. He tended the grist mill at West Peru in early sixties, d. in Roxbury, Maine.

Liberty Hall, son of Jeremiah, moved to Rochester, N. Y., the native residence of his wife in 1856. Maria Cobb was the dau. of Gideon Cobb of that city. Liberty established a home, going into business for himself in connection with D. Appleton of New York and continued there eleven years. His father and family joined them in 1857, excepting Virtaline Copeland who that year m. Stillman Humphrey of Concord, N. H., afterwards mayor. Their children were Irving Hall Humphrey and Mary Lois Humphrey. Virtaline Humphrey, b. Oct. 9, 1837, died June 1867. Her sister, Sophrona W., unmarried, d. May 1870 in Rochester. Virintha C. Hall, an invalid, unmarried, d. Dec. 1868. She was b. May 6, 1835. Sarah Adelaide Hall b. July 2, 1844, unmarried, d. 1869. Mary Angeline Hall m. 1869, Rev. Stephen B. Rand of Holyoke, Mass. and sailed in Nov. of that year for Burmah, sent by the

American Board of Missions from the second Baptist Church of Rochester. They resided there five years, returning to this country in 1876 on account of ill health, from which he never recovered able to return to Burmah. Their children b. in Burmah:—Frederic, who d. there; Sarah Cornelia; Alice d. Aug. 1906. Born in America, were Laura Bradford, b. 1876; Wilberforce and Maud.

The families of Liberty and Virgil Hall, having moved from Rochester, N. Y. to Glencoe, Minn. in the fall of 1868, their parents, Jeremiah and Sarah and dau. Elvira, joined them in the last part of the year 1870 from Rochester, N. Y. Liberty had charge of the interests of D. Appleton in the Northwest for twenty-three years, the last few years opening up a drug store and publishing the Glencoe Register, the official paper of McLeod County. Failing health compelled him to seek a warmer climate. He and his wife joined their sons, Clifford and Harry, at Kansas City in 1887. Jeremiah died at Glencoe in 1884. His wife, Sarah, went with family to Kansas City, Mo. and died there in 1888. She was buried beside her husband at Glencoe, Minn. He lived 83 years and she 80 years. They and their posterity are an honor to the family name, an honor to the mothers who gave them birth. The highest honors are no less due the mothers of each generation from Edward Hall, 1636, down a long line of lineage to the present day. Through the Bible injunction: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart," these mothers have brought up their sons and daughters in the path of morality, temperance and chastity. Biographers in general are free to extoll the noble traits and achievements of the sons of men, but they invariably fail to do honor to the weary, watchful mothers who give their energies and their life work to nurture, train and equip human souls for this life and the life to come. Long live the memory of our dear mothers. The climate did not prove beneficial to Liberty Hall at Atlantic City and he became so feeble that it was thought advisable to take him to Denver, Col. This was done by Dr. Greaves, the husband of Elvira Hall. After two weeks he was much improved, and at the end of six weeks he felt he could return home and to business, and that day, the 23d of June 1891, wrote his wife he would be back in a few days. He walked two miles that day before eleven o'clock, and retired in the best spirits. At five minutes to twelve he called his niece, Virtie, dau. of Virgil, to come quickly. He died soon, June 21, 1891, of hemorrhage. He was buried at Glencoe beside his son Charley, brother Virgil, sister Elvira Greaves and father and mother Hall.

Henry (Harold) Liberty, son of Liberty and Maria (Cobb) Hall m. Mar. 4, 1891, Lucile M. Henry in Kansas City. Residence now Morrison, Ill. Weenona Maria, b. Sept. 8, 1868, m. in Glen-coe May 18, 1899, Phil S. Creager of Kansas City, Mo., who d. May 11, 1906. Their children:—Helen Hall Creager, b. July 10, 1900; Mariam Hall Creager, b. Feb. 3, 1904.

### Liberty Hall, Jr.

Liberty, Jr., the fifth son m. Abigail Partridge of Paris, Me. When a young man he learned the trade of a carpenter and went to Cuba, where he acquired some knowledge of the Spanish language. He was there some little time, working at his trade. He returned to Peru, having of his earnings two hundred dollars Spanish silver, rare coins to back-woodsmen in those days. Liberty visited his old home, George Walker's. A specimen of the coin was exhibited as a curiosity. Now it was revealed that "Uncle George" as all the neighbors called him, had a special fondness for silver, so he exchanged bank bills for the whole pile. It was observed ever after, that his tender was paper money. Over forty years after, a goodly portion of those coins resumed circulation. Liberty Hall was a professor of religion, and a zealous advocate for the cause. He was life and power in social meetings, an honest, honorable man. Children:—Geo. E., b. m. Pub. Oct. 13, 1867, Mary F., dau. of Thomas and Avis Demeritt, Peru; Caroline, m. lived in Paris. Liberty died Nov. 18, 1869. Wife, Abigail died Mar. 8, 1884, ae. 78 yrs. Buried in Knight Cemetery, Peru.

George E. Hall was a soldier in war of 1861. After marriage as stated, he moved West. His trade was house carpenter. He returned with family to Malden, Mass. While there he and another man took down a pest house. Both were stricken down with small pox and died. He had six children, all dead but one daughter Minnie who works in Waltham Watch Factory. Mrs. Geo. Hall d. around 1901.

This exchange of money occurred when silver was at par and Mr. Walker's fancy lead him to choose silver. In our day, 1907, we all prefer gold. He was not a miser in any sense, but one of the best providers for his family, strictly honest, of good morals and exemplary deportment, though he was not assured as revealed that when this earthly house fails, we have a continuance in The Heavenly City.

A vein of humor in the Hall family is revealed in Liberty, the father of the nine brothers, and it cropped out in succeeding generations. On the home farm in Dixfield, the herd of cattle went to drink at the spring where the house was supplied. On one occasion their only cow was found dead at this spring. Liberty wrote in rhyme (his kind of poetry) a memorial of the event. The only line at hand reads, "The lophorned ox, he pushed her in." His humor and wit, revealed as rhymster, tided him over all grief and regret, incident to loss of cow. The vein is revealed in his grandson, Jonathan, Jr. Daniel Hall was collector of taxes in Peru in the early fifties. It was the custom then to give jail service as a substitute for non-payment of poll tax. Happily the heathen practice, likewise imprisonment for debt has gone by. This taxpayer's income was scanty for the support of his family, causing him to be a guest at town's expense of tenement on Paris Hill. Now the prisoner took it all very kindly and employed his leisure hours in writing a phamplet of rhymes. He had a good number of copies printed and they found ready buyers. There are calls for a reprint but no copy is at hand. One verse is in memory. It reads:—

"You may call me a jail bird as much as you please,  
I know my pants are all out at the knees;  
My coat is all ragged and so is my vest;  
And my hat compares very well with the rest."

The above reference shows the trend of affairs in every day life. People have broader views of humanity, are more generous and forbearing than those of a century ago. Poverty is respected instead of punished. Truly the world doth move.

### Jefferson Hall

Jefferson Hall, b. Apr. 27, 1807, m. Oct. 13, 1829, Lucy, dau. of Robinson Turner and Lillis Ford of Duxbury, Mass. Child:—Lydia, b. July 15, 1830, m. 1852, Franklin Twitchell in Paris. Children:—Ella, m. Dr. Fitch in Brownfield. No issue. Ernest, b. 1858, was single when 38 years old. Alvira, b. Mar. 26, 1832, did not m., died while a work in Lowell factory ae. sixteen to seventeen years. Robert 2nd b. May 7, 1834, did not m., died Jan. 28, 1863, ae. 28 years. James G. Birney, b. Apr. 25, 1842, was a soldier in Cav., 1st Me., Civil War, d. about close of war. Lois A. b. 1838, did not m., d. Mar. 25, 1862, ae. 24 yrs. The subject of the sketch died Mar. 14, 1863. Wife Lucy d. Jan. 12, 1861. Jef-

person m. 2nd, June 1861 (as advised by Lucy a short time before she died) widow Charlotte Chase of Paris. They were neighbors and well acquainted years before in Paris. After his decease, she returned to Paris. He was a farmer, a good carpenter and an able preacher, Methodist. On his head stone, in the old Knight Cemetery is inscribed:—

“Servant of God well done,  
Thy glorious warfare’s past,  
The battle fought, the race is run,  
And thou art crowned at last.”

### Elbridge Hall

Elbridge Hall, the eighth son of Liberty and Lydia Hall, m. a Miss Abbott of Andover. They lived at last accounts in Lawrence, Mass., had three daughters. Names known, Lydia and Dora (maiden) living there. The last named withholds information of family.

### Elijah Hall and Family

Elijah Hall, b. Apr. 21, 1809, m. Dec. 6, 1835, Mary W., b. June 29, 1818, d. Mar. 2, 1902, dau. of Samuel and Olive (Foss) Knight of Peru. Record shows he was chosen one of the jurors in Peru in May 1839. It is probable he was located either near his brother Jeremiah at Hall’s Ferry, or on the hill at the Samuel Knight farm adjoining and West of the ferryway land. This ferry passed from the Halls one or both to Alden in 1841. Elijah Hall removed to Dixfield and subsequently Jeremiah located on the Samuel Knight farm continuing till 1853 when he removed to Concord, N. H. Children of Elijah Hall:—George Wallace, b. Sept. 10, 1836; Marshall, b. Dixfield May 28, 1842. He enlisted in the Union Grays at Rochester, N. Y. in 1861 and served through the war. He m. June 2, 1867, Mary A. Wood in Jersey City and removed to Wyanette, Minn. 1870 where he d. leaving an aged mother, wife, one dau. and two sons. (Newspaper slip sent writer without date.) Though a staunch Democrat, he was repeatedly honored by his Republican townsmen and elected chairman of the town Board of Supervisors, and once was County Commissioner. He is extolled as being a kind hearted and generous man with a host of friends. Frank, son of Elijah Hall, d. in Soldiers Home, Mar. 12, 1910 at Minnehaha, Minn. as result of a fall and fracture of thigh bone. Elijah Hall and family removed to Minnesota in early for-

ties, and d. in Minneapolis in the seventies. His widow was living in Princeton with granddaughter in 1900, mind cloudy, ae. 82 years. She visited her brother's family in Peru in winter of 1894-95. Her sister, Elnora, refused her company at the Town Farm. Visit cut short.

### Robert L. Hall

Robert L. Hall, b. Oct. 28, 1812, d. July 9, 1866, m. Dec. 1834, 1st Sibyl, dau. of Wm. and Rebecca (Walker) Kyle, b. Oct. 13, 1817. Children:—Mary Jane, b. Sept. 13, 1835; Wm. Kyle Hall, b. July 13, 1837; Robert Quimby, b. Oct. 2, 1842.

This man was a house carpenter and served as local preacher of Methodist Church, as opportunity offered. He lived in the early forties at Peru Centre, and built the house afterwards taken down to make room for railway in 1892. He had a work shop and shingle mill on the bank of the river at the mouth of Stony brook, south side, where a dam was built below the bridge that serves the highway. A penstock conveying water from dam to tub wheel drove the machinery. This mill paid well at this period when lumber was plenty. One fall wheat crop was abundant. He, with a trifle of cost, improvised a thresher, using an old beater, and a wooden basket sieve for separator. He earned that season threshing, at the mill, one hundred dollars. He was successor to his brother Jefferson on Albert Holman's farm and living there with second wife, Mary A., when he died. See further incidents in life of Jeremiah Hall.

### Holman Family

Holman history by David Emery Holman, M. D. of Attleboro, Mass. 1909 has eight generations of this family, commencing with Solomon, who settled in West Newbury, Mass. in 1692-93. One of the descendants is Wm. H. Taft, President of the United States. Solomon Holman, a ship carpenter, b. probably in 1671-72, d. May 7, 1753, m. 1st, Mary Barton of York, Me., b. 1673, d. Oct. 18, 1736; m. 2nd, Elizabeth Kelley, widow of John Kelley. Her maiden name was Emery, b. about 1640, d. May 8, 1753. All buried at West Newbury in Walnut Grove Cemetery. "One tradition says he was born in Wales. If true he was an Englishman. Wales became a principality of Great Britain 1536. In 1701 he and three other churchmen built and donated a substantial meeting house at Huse Hill for public worship to all brethren of said precinct and all persons that doth or may hereafter belong to said precinct." Solomon was a member of the 2nd Foot Co. of New-

bury under Hugh Marsh Jan. 15, 1710-11. He had 12 children. He bought in Sutton, Mass. from 1719 to 1722 nine hundred and thirty acres of land for 240 pounds. Solomon, Jr., son of Mary Barton Holman was b. Nov. 25, 1697 at Newbury, d. at Sutton, Apr. 17, 1785, m. May 23, 1722 at Newbury, Mary Brickett, b. Aug. 13, 1705. Wife died. Solomon, Jr. m. 2nd, Aug. 28, 1729, Mercy Waters at Oxford, Mass. She was living 1785. Solomon, Jr. had 12 children. The first was Solomon 3d. Solomon senior divided among his sons, Edward, Thomas and Solomon, Jr. his lands in Sutton, Mass., now Millbury. From 1726 the estate of Solomon, Jr. was in West Millbury. From there is seen the site of Fort or Block House of Indian days of Sutton. The Holmans in colonial service were Solomon, Jr., his son Jonathan from private to Col., Solomon 3d, John, David, Edward and Stephen. Solomon, Jr. was captain during the French and Indian war and Jonathan was major in the English Army during same period, also Col. of the 5th Mass. Regt. of Militia during the Revolution. That he and his Regt. acquitted themselves bravely, may be justly inferred from the fact that after the battle of Saratoga, his Regt. was designated to take possession of Fort Edward and to hold it until the dispersion of Burgoyne's army, which they did. After the surrender of Burgoyne's army, he continued active in raising troops for Coast Alarms, and forwarding supplies. After the war, when Shay's rebellion rose 1786, he promptly of his own accord raised a body of men and marched to Petersham, Mass. to aid in suppressing it. Before the 13 colonies ratified the Constitution, sectional difficulties of the country arose from the lack of a close and authoritative union in which all the members could rest and appease their grievances. There was strong opposition to what was imagined to be Federal tyranny. At Worcester and at Springfield an attempt was made to prevent the sitting of the Courts, also the insurgents threatened the arsenal at Springfield under the lead of Daniel Shay, who had been a Capt. in Continental army. The State militia under Gen. Lincoln drove the rebels from Springfield to Petersham where Col. Holman ended the rebellion. He was in the Province of Maine in Aug. and Sept., 1787, looking for a township that he could buy and later he purchased township No. 1, Holmantown, now Dixfield and Mexico. He gave 3,000 acres to three of his sons, to wit: Peter, Jonathan, Jr. and Ebenezer. Peter settled at the Center, Jonathan, Jr., made his clearing at E. Dixfield and Ebenezer at Dixfield village. Col. Jonathan was the son of Solomon, Jr. and Mercy Wa-

ters, b. Aug. 13, 1732, d. Feb. 25, 1814, grave at Sutton. He m. Hannah Sibley.

Col. Jonathan's brother Daniel settled in Livermore, Me. in 1785. Repeating the genealogy we have Daniel Holman, the son of Solomon, Jr. and Mercy (Waters) Holman, b. at Sutton, Mass. Sept. 1, 1743, d. at Livermore, Me. Nov. 16, 1812. He m. Elizabeth Pitts of Winthrop, Me. who d. Feb. 28, 1831. He traded with the Shaker community and so made the acquaintance of his wife. He was Corp. in Capt. Daggett's Regt. in War of Revolution. He and Col. Jonathan were two of the original proprietors of Braintree, Vt. His right was conveyed to the Col. and by him to his son, Solomon 3d. Children of Daniel:—Melinda, b. Apr. 7, 1788, m. Geo. Walker; Dolly, b. Mar. 5, 1790, d. Apr. 1847 in Dixfield, m. Samuel Park, Jr.; Abner b. Mar. 5, 1792, m. Judith P. Safford; Daniel, Jr., b. Feb. 22, 1794, m. Julia A. Lindsay; Waters, b. May 19, 1796, d. July 7, 1862, m. Hannah Gould; Samuel Pitts, b. Oct. 18, 1798, d. 1864, unmarried. Dolly Holman m. Dec. 18, 1819, Samuel Park, Jr., b. probably Chesterville, the son of Samuel and Polly (Holman) Park, was b. Feb. 5, 1792, baptized in Baptist Church, Oct. 26, 1800 and died in Peru May 12, 1873. He m. 2nd, widow Morse. Children:—Samuel, Jr., 2nd, b. Sept. 9, 1822, d. Dec. 14, 1875, m. 1st, ———, m. 2nd, Jane Robinson of Orono, Me.; Seraphine, b. 1824, d. Aug. 8, 1891, m. James Decker; Mary Elizabeth, b., d., m. Cassander Brown in Carthage, Me., had a son, Dana Brown; Geo. Park, b., d., unmarried.

Abner Holman, m. Dec. 30, 1821, Judith Ball Safford of Turner, b. Sept. 18, 1796 at Minot, d. Dec. 18, 1855 at North Livermore. Husband d. there Sept. 5, 1867. He was a farmer, joiner and wheelwright. He continued the war record of the long line of his ancestry, serving as Fifer in War of 1812. He built many houses in Maine. He owned and occupied his father's farm at North Livermore. Their children:—Sarah, b. Sept. 18, 1822; John Henry, b. Oct. 29, 1824; Otis, b. Dec. 5, 1829; Martha Jane, b. Apr. 26, 1835, Livermore records. Daniel Holman, Jr. was in the War of 1812. He m. Jan. 7, 1823, Julia Ann Lindsay of Camden, of Scotch-Irish descent, b. Oct. 4, 1799, d. Apr. 5, 1862. He came to Milo, Me. Mar. 1823, a farmer, where he d. July 20, 1864. His son Franklin was killed by accident in a mill at Bangor, July 30, 1858. Col. Jonathan had dau., Susan Trask Holman, b. Feb. 22, 1784 at Sutton, who m. May 10, 1802, Asa Waters. Their dau. Susan Holman Waters, b. Apr. 14, 1803, d. Feb. 3 1866. She m.

Samuel D. Torrey and their dau., Susan Holman Torrey, was the grandmother of Pres. Taft.

Peter Holman, son of Col. Jonathan, b. Oct. 16, 1769 at Sutton, d. Oct. 30, 1829 at Dixfield, m. 1796, Mercy, dau. of Merrill Knight, Sr. of Peru. She was b. Falmouth, July 1, 1776, d. Dec. 9, 1855, at Dixfield where they raised a good family of children:—Jonathan, b. Oct. 30, 1797, d. May 18, 1886, m. Saphrona Richardson; Luther b. Aug. 16, 1799, d. Nov. 30, 1880, m. Olive Newton; John Jacob, b. June 25, 1801, d. July 22, 1889, m. July 8, 1837, Samantha, dau. of Jacob Newton; Peter, Jr., b. Feb. 22, 1803, d. Sept. 12, 1876, m. Martha P. Newton, Sept. 20, 1827. All the Newton women named were daughters of Jacob Newton in Dixfield. Merrill Holman, another brother m. Mariam, dau. of Amos Knight of Peru. How the plantation of Holmantown was given its present name: One Dr. Dix bought the honor of naming the town. He promised the proprietors that he would give a library for the town. A record of the event was made public in his town, and of course he was highly honored. "The only thing he did was to bring a few old books to Dixfield in a small trunk; they were left somewhere on Severy Hill. No one knew what became of them." Mentioned in an article read at a Holman reunion.

Ebenezer Holman, brother of Peter and son of Col. Jonathan, m. Sarah Knapp. Their son, Silas L., m. Ellen M. Carlton of Gardiner. Their children:—Frances E., Albert S., Ida M., George C., Eloise, Darwin B., Arthur C., Mattie. Silas L. followed farming, located a term of years on Valley Road in Dixfield and later down the river opposite East Peru. He was an honest, upright, industrious man, of good habits. They raised a likely family of children. Peru is proud to adopt one of the sons as a leading citizen. Albert S. Holman, b. Mar. 25, 1853, m. 1877, Lona W., dau. of Leonard Hines and Annie Keene, both of Turner. Children:—Gracia B., b. Aug. 5 1878, m. John S. Russell of Livermore; Fred C., b. May 2, 1880; Guy F., b. Oct. 19, 1881; Carl S., b. May 16, 1883; Florence M., b. Aug. 16, 1885, m. Oct. 18, 1908, Harold Hodge of Portland; Edith M., b. Dec. 21, 1889; Carroll L., b. Aug. 24, 1891. Mr. Holman owns the hill farm overlooking East Peru Vill. where Jefferson Hall also Robert, his brother, lived and died. Mr. Holman has been chairman of the Board of Selectmen a term of years. Under his guidance there have been great improvements in roads, bridges and school houses at close of 1910, about town.

## Paul Hammon, Jr.

Paul Hammon, Jr., b. Mass. Mar. 12, 1761, d. Oct. 26, 1851, m. Eliza, b. Wayne, dau. of Hezekiah Lovejoy, b. Apr. 14, 1798, d. Dec. 16, 1882. Children:—Aziel Lovejoy Hammon, b. Sept. 9, 1816, m. Emily M. Brown, dau. of Nathan Brown, Oct. 19, 1836; Sarah Frost Hammon, b. Dec. 13 1818, m. Calvin Hopkins, Mar. 15, 1840. Hannah Frost Hammon, b. Aug. 26, 1808. Oliver Chandler, b. Sept. 20, 1821, d. 1863, m. Angelia M. Washburn, b. 1833, d. 1884; Esther Lufkin, b. June 28, 1823, d. Apr. 16, 1846; Rollins Lovejoy, b. Sept. 21, 1825, d. Feb. 24, 1904; Orin Lake, b. Jan. 5, 1828, d. Jan. 18, 1889; Mary Ann, b. Jan. 16, 1830, d. Jan. 18, 1848; Charles Bean, b. Jan. 28, 1832, m. Angeline Washburn, Aug. 31, 1855; Josiah Lake, b. May 12, 1834, d. Nov. 16, 1855; Benj. Lovejoy, b. Dec. 5, 1836, d. Nov. 1, 1854; Squire Bishop, b. Apr. 18, 1839, m. Patience T. Hammon, the divorced wife of Rollins Hammon; Joseph Trafton, b. Aug. 26, 1843, d. Apr. 26, 1902, unmarried. Paul Hammon, Sr., m. Feb. 13, 1823, Mary Cobb of Readfield. He died Sept. 10, 1838.

Family of Aziel L. and Emily M. Hammon, dau. of Nathan Brown, m. Oct. 19, 1836. Wife d. Sept. 2, 1851. Children:—Melvin Benson Hammon, b. Apr. 8, 1837, d. May 3, 1860, m. Pub., Melissa A. Tuttle of Strafford; James Harvey, b. Oct. 14, 1840, d. Nov. 15, 1864, in Colorado; Nathan Brown, b. Sept. 17, 1842, d. Dec. 7, 1860; Wm. Wallace, b. Aug. 12, 1844, d. Nov. 22, 1860; Orin Emerson, b. July 20, 1849, d. Nov. 27, 1860. Aziel L., m. 2nd, Pub. Feb. 16, 1852, Sarah Maxim of Wayne. He d. Feb. 8, 1862. Child:—Sarah M., b. Dec. 26, 1859, d. Dec. 4, 1860.

Oliver Chandler, son of Paul, Sr., m. Pub., Angelia M. Washburn of Rumford, Aug. 30, 1855. He was b. 1821, d. 1863. Wife b. 1833, d. 1884. Children:—Josiah L., b. 1859, d. 1889; Herbert, b., u. m. Employed a term of years on farm with widow Hannah Bishop, 1910. Bradford Hammon, while helping take down a building in Mexico, a portion of it fell causing his death. Nov. 9, 1889.

Orin L. Hammon, m. Sept. 28, 1851, Lydia E., dau. of Josiah Lake. Child:—Mary Ann, b. Jan. 22, 1854, d. of consumption Mar. 22, 1885. Wife d. Mar. 29, 1857. He m. 2nd, Oct. 30, 1857 Isabelle B., dau. of Wm. Babb. Children:—Alfred C., b. Sept. 14, 1859; Aurie E., b. Feb. 23, 1863, m. Alba Atkins; Wallace, m. Elva Bishop, son Carroll d. Oct. 20, 1907, ae. 19 yrs.; Emma E., b. d. Sept. 24, 1861, ae. 2 mos., 14 days; Florice E., b. d., ae. 33 yrs.

Mar. 6, 1911 in Portland, m. Benj. A. Swasey. Their son, Lyman K.

Rollins L. Hammon, Pvt. Co. I, 1st Regt., H. A., Me. Vols., m. 2nd, Mar. 4, 1869, Roxanna C., dau. of Thomas Lord, divorced. Husband d. Feb. 24, 1904. Child:—Lester, b. July 3, 1870. Alfred C. Hammon, m. May 12, 1883, Lottie B., dau. of Lorenzo D. Delano. Children, ages 1907:—Stanley J., 21 yrs.; Lalia M., 12 yrs.; Stewart N., 10 yrs. Rollins L. Hammon, m. 1st Jan. 1, 1862, Patience T., dau. of Squire Bishop. Children:—Chas. H., b. Nov. 26, 1852; Josiah E., b. July 23, 1854, d. Sept. 21, 1862; Ellen, b. Feb. 19, 1861, d. young. Wife Patience T. divorced and m. 2nd, Squire Bishop Hammon, a brother to her 1st husband.

## Hammon

Samuel Hammon, brother to Paul, Jr., m. Sept. 20, 1819, Lydia Lovejoy, daughter of Jacob, brother of Gardner Lovejoy. Husband d. Nov. 17, 1854, ae. 56 yrs. Wife d. Apr. 1889, ae. 89 yrs., 3 mos. Children:—Elisha Benson, b. Jan. 24, 1820; Maria Hammon, b. Aug. 15, 1823, m. Sept. 11, 1845 to Jesse Cushman; Samuel, Jr., b. Sept. 11, 1825, d. Nov. 28, 1884; Gilman Thurston, b. Dec. 17, 1829; Appollos, b.; Katherine, b. Jan. 27, 1832, m. Pub., Feb. 8, 1856, John F. Martin, brother of Xaveri; Edward, b. Jan. 17, 1834, m. June 5, 1861, Sarah A. Hammon of E. Livermore. Child:—Ida M., d. Sept. 27, 1863, ae. 1 yr., 7 mos., 15 days. Lydia Augusta, b. Nov. 1, 1835, m. John Andrews; Appollos Hammon, b. Nov. 2, 1837; Christopher Lovejoy Hammon, b. Apr. 23, 1840. Elisha Benson Hammon and wife Sarah Ann had son, Joseph Benson, b. Apr. 7, 1845, killed at battle of Coal Harbor, ae. 19 yrs, in Co. F, 9th Me., and dau., Henrietta E., b. Feb. 28, 1842.

Sylvanus and Betsey Hammon. Children:—Deborah Hammon, b. May 7, 1810; Hannah Hammon, b. May 4, 1813; Betsey Hammon, b. Jan. 3, 1816; Charity Hammon, b. Feb. 28, 1820; Charles Frost Hammon, b. 1826. All here 1821. Samuel Hammon, Jr. m. June 30, 1845, Anna Cushman. He d. Nov. 28, 1884, ae. 59 yrs., 2 mos., 17 days. She d. Dec. 6, 1883, ae. 58 yrs., 1 mo., 3 days, also four infants died. Children:—Ann Louise Hammon, b. May 11, 1847, d. Mar. 10, 1850; Samuel Eugene Hammon, b. Jan. 8, 1850; George Turner Hammon, b. Feb. 29, 1852; Wm. Gustine Hammon, b. May 13, 1854; Dodavah S. Hammon, b. July 2, 1857, d. Sept. 19, 1901. He m. Del Wyman, dau. of Hod Wyman. Their dau. Ethel A., b. Sept. 20, 1884, d. Dec. 16, 1889. Alma B., dau.

of Samuel, Jr., m. June 17, 1887, Roscoe S. Tracy, mail carrier, West Peru, R. F. D. No. 1.

### John Ingalls

History would be incomplete without mention of quaint John Ingalls and family. He m. Pub., Rebecca Davis, both of Peru, Aug. 22, 1830. Their residence was on High street, though he was in town but a small part of the time. He was employed as steward on board the U. S. revenue cutter nearly thirty years. He probably would have served longer but for the war of 1861. Records show they had five children. Adelaide m. June 29, 1858, Francis C. Hawkes in Minot. Patience Ingalls, b. Jan. 20, 1837, m. Cushman L. Hawkes. Residence, Gloucester, Me. John Franklin, b. June 3, 1841. Employed in New York, when a young man, as clerk in a retail store. Later he set up in trade for himself and acquired a good property. He has now been in trade a term of years in Boston, Mass. Judith J., b. Apr. 14, 1844. Greene W., b. Dec. 20, 1845. He began young a clerk in a New York rubber and shoe store. He showed great aptitude in this line and soon became a member of the firm. They dealt in bankrupt sale goods damaged by fire. It is related he visited a lump sale, took a casual inspection, and without even an inventory, purchased the lot. His partner came near losing his breath when he was notified to send check for ten thousand dollars to cancel the purchase. His reply, "For heaven's sake go slow!" reveals his astonishment. The goods were retailed for a thousand dollars above cost. This illustrates his ability as a snap shot buyer. He m. Residence in Boston. Retired. Mr. Ingalls, Sr. was very small in stature. He seemed dissatisfied with his size and strove to overcome appearance by wearing No. 10 thick boots and a tall stove pipe hat. Coming down to the offspring we find the opposite extreme both physical and intellectual in business pursuits, particularly of the male members. He was b. around Oct. 30, 1798, and d. at Mechanic Falls, Mar. 30, 1872. He was 63 years old when the war had fairly begun. Age alone excused him from war service, or further service on revenue cutter. His wife, Rebecca, b. 1804, d. at Mechanic Falls, their home, Aug. 24, 1885.

### Orin Irish

Another family of this name. Orin Irish lived on the Capt. Peleg Mitchell farm around the late forties. His son, Cephus W., b. 1829, m. Sept. 25, 1853, Lovina D., dau. of John Conant in

Roxbury. His residence in latter years was on the Eleazer A. Poland farm, now the James Irish place at Worthly Pond. He d. there Aug. 16, 1896. Wife b. Nov. 19, 1833, d. May 14, 1876. Children:—James E., b. Sept. 26, 1854, m. Vesta E. Weeks. Their children:—Lovinia D., Benj. S., Cephas E. This man has been a farmer and cream gatherer a term of years. Walter E. Irish, b. June 5, 1857, d. Sept. 3, 1897; Lorenzo E., b. m. May 20, 1896, Mary H., dau. of Frank Kidder. Farmers on the James Lunt farm at East Peru; nicely situated, enterprising and progressive. Their children:—Frank E., b. June 11, 1897; Leslie H., b. Nov. 25, 1898; Wilber C., b. Nov. 17, 1902. Mr. Irish is a prominent man in town affairs and Moderator of town meetings several years, also Master of Rockemeka Grange.

### Freeman Irish

Freeman Irish, b. Buckfield 1806, d. Sept. 11, 1883, m. around 1828, Almeda Rowe, b. Hebron. He first located in Sumner where three children, at least, were born. His occupation, a farmer. They were professors of religion, F. B. Church, and he was familiarly called Deacon Irish, over forty years in Peru. The title was used much oftener than his given name. Children:—Eleanor, b. Jan. 14, 1829, m. Hiram Oldham; Samuel F., b. 1835, d. Sept. 24, 1839; Samuel F., b. Nov. 26, 1838 in Sumner; Charles G., b. June 12, 1841; twins, Lorenzo and Alonzo, b. Nov. 11, 1843, the latter d. Apr. 27, 1865, single; Rolland C., b. Oct. 20, 1845; Almeda, b. Sept. 7, 1848, m. Benj. C. Foster; Carroll, b. June 6, 1850, d. Dec. 13, 1862; Benj. R., b.

Samuel F. Irish enlisted a Pvt., Co. H, 10th Me., Oct. 1, 1861, discharged a Corp., May 4, 1863. He m. May 24, 1868, Betsey J., dau. of Thomas A. Goding. Their final and permanent location as farmers was on the Ira Wormell farm at East Peru Vill. Mr. Irish was unable to do much severe manual labor by reason of army disability "chills and fever" which rendered him more invalid each year, till his death, Dec. 26, 1894. His army service of 1 yr., 7 mos., evidently shortened his life twenty years. He was a good soldier and one of four members of his father's family in the war of 1861. Their mother, Almeda, d. Apr. 16, 1884, ae. 76 yrs., 26 days. Children:—Alice J., b. Nov. 20, 1871, m. Horace Clark; Ethel T., m. Arthur L. Harlow; Emerson A., m. Dec. 20, 1909, Alice M. Kilbreth, dau. of Frank Kilbreth of Livermore. They live with his mother and are successors on the home farm at East

Peru, enterprising, prosperous farmers. Charles Greenwood Irish m. Abbie K. Morrill, sister to Job R. Morrill. They resided on the farm with Mr. Morrill on the hill range south of Dickvale Vill. Mr. Irish d. there Oct. 14, 1896, leaving a dau., Jennie R., who m. Nov. 30, 1907, Elbridge G. Child.

Benjamin R. Irish m. Mary Jane Field, dau. of Benj. Fletcher, soldier of 1812 war. Their children:—Martha M., b. July 3, 1866; Fletcher B., b. Dec. 1, 1868; Ansley A., b. Aug. 7 1870. Mrs. Irish died several years ago in Mass. where Mr. Irish resided last accounts. He was a Pvt., Co. H, 10th Me. with his brother. The twins, Lorenzo and Alonzo, were both Pvts in Co. A, 9th Maine. Alonzo d. of disease, Apr. 27, 1864, Lorenzo aged 25 years, m. Oct. 17, 1868, Evaline, aged 23 yrs., dau. of Nathaniel and Columbia Knight. Residence, Red Bluff, Cal. Rolland C., m. Feb. 16, 1869, Julia I. Bishop. Their babe died. Mr. Irish d. Sept. 1892. Wife d. 1896.

### Nathaniel Jackson

Nathaniel Jackson first appears on Town Record July 6, 1835, a member of a committee to solicit extension of Buckfield Branch R. R. It is a tradition of his descendants that he was of French-Irish descent. As mentioned on another page he was successor of Henry Wragg on the Merrill Knight senior farm. He was an industrious, hard working farmer. We are unable to learn about his wife after so many years. The heads of this family and the youngest children removed to Belfast in early 1840, he having sold his farm to Nathan Walker of Peru. Children:—Seth W. Jackson, b. Aug. 8, 1811; Lucy, b. around 1816; Luther, b. 1820; Sally M.; Eunice; Silva. Marriages:—Seth W. m. June 16, 1833, Elnora, b. Jan. 31, 1816, dau. of Rev. Wm. Woodsum. Mr. Jackson and wife were farmers on the Daniel W. Piper farm. They raised a likely family of ten children, all girls. Fannie, b. June 13, 1835, m. Lorenzo D. Delano; Sarah Melissa, b. Apr. 2, 1838, m. Wm. P. Brackett, Jr. She was a successful school teacher before marriage. Pamela, b. Feb. 20, 1841, d. Mar. 26, 1842; Esther W., b. Aug. 25, 1843, d. July 9, 1859; Elnora, b. Nov. 7, 1846, m. Milo Morrill; Olive A., b. June 13, 1849, m. Jeremiah Brackett; Aravesta, b. Jan. 23, 1852, m. Revilla Knight; Alma (twin,) b. Jan. 23, 1852, m. Romanzo Burgess; Ida May, b. June 23, 1855, m. Dexter Lord; Rose Marion, b. Nov. 8, 1860, m. Charles Martin. Mr. Jackson enlisted in army service, Co. C, 19th Regt., Me. Vols.,

when over fifty years old. Had sickness in service, and while on furlough home he died, Oct. 1, 1864. His widow survived, drawing a pension many years. She d. June 30, 1905.

Luther b. around 1820. When a young man he was a noted wrestler and boxer. He was the most agile, springy, muscular and powerful athlete that ever lived in Peru. He would stand on one foot and kick the ceiling over his head eight feet high. Lying flat on his chest with arms and legs extended right and left, he would spring, raising his entire length from the floor and strike his hands and feet together three times before his return to floor. And yet he failed to profit much from his endowment. His surplus of energy and nerve power seemed to avail but little in army service. He sickened and died from common army complaints while his much weaker comrades at enlistment lived to return. To what shall we attribute his failure? Luther Jackson m. 1st, Mary H. Wife d. Jan. 14, 1855, ae. 34 yrs. Their children:—Willis, when last known was living in Mass.; Lauraette Jackson, born June 12, 1842, m. Dr. L. H. Maxim, a practicing physician at West Peru in the late fifties and early sixties. Wife d. in less than a year or there about, after marriage. Phebe Ellen or Ellen P., b. July 11, 1844, m. Pub., Feb. 27, 1862, Geo. A. Maxim of Wayne. Mary E., b. Nov. 21, 1846. Andrew, b. May 3, 1849. Was a soldier, d. at Togus. Luther H., b. Aug. 23, 1851. Went to Canada. Probably the above Willis was the next and last child. Mr. Jackson m. 2nd, Apr. 8, 1856, Julia M., dau. of Wm. P. Brackett. Their children were, Helen M., b. Dec. 18, 1856, d. Apr. 16, 1864; Hattie M., b. Apr. 8, 1858; Chas. M., b. Nov. 19, 1862, d. about a year and a half old. Luther Jackson was in Co. I, 29th Me. under Gen. Banks during Red River campaign. He was very feeble from chronic diarrhoea when put on boat for New Orleans, where he was to have final discharge. He d. on the passage, May 15, 1864 and was consigned to the "Father of Waters," his burial. His widow remarried Pub., Dec. 16, 1865, Edmund C. Bowker, ex-soldier, of Sumner.

### Jenne Family

Joseph H. Jenne b. Aug. 15, 1782 m. June 10, 1804, Joanna Gibbs, b. Jan. 20 1780, d. May 8, 1816. Their children:—Seth, b. March 31, 1805; Joseph H. Jr., b. Sept. 6, 1806; Emeline A., b. Mar. 20, 1809, d. Oct. 1810; Isaac, b. Oct. 26, 1810; John E., b. May 16, 1812. Mr. Jenne's 2nd wife was Betsey Tupper be-

fore marriage. This family were residents of Fairhaven, Mass. in 1819 when Mr. Jenne and his sons, except John E. the youngest, came to Peru and settled near West Vill., now the Barlow Austin place. His wife Betsey and son John E. remained in Mass. In 1822 Mr. Jenne returned to Mass. for the son, then 10 years old, and wife Betsey continued there with relatives and died there. They came to Hallowell on sailing vessel and from there walked to West Peru. After the death of wife Betsey Mr. Jenne m. about 1826, Zerviah Bonney. They continued here till about 1853, when they removed to Roxbury, Me. where wife d. near the close of the year 1863 and he d. Jan. 21, 1864. The ancestors of this family in New England were John and Sarah Jenne, who came from England to Plymouth, Mass. in 1621. Mr. Jenne was a man of high ideals and a deep thinker, a zealous advocate against the use of spiritous liquors and he participated in all moral reforms. Both he and his son John E. were instrumental in shaping town affairs during their career.

Town Meeting Apr. 16, 1821, Art. 7, James H. Withington, Robinson Turner, Sr. and Joseph H. Jenne were chosen a committee to settle accounts. The Selectmen in 1822 were Joseph H. Jenne, Josiah Curtis and Nathan Walker. In 1825 Joseph H. Jenne, John Ellis and Moses Lufkin were the S. School Com. Mr. Jenne filled other important offices as the years rolled on. He became an agricultural writer of some note and contributed a series of articles to the Maine Farmer when Ezekiel Holmes was editor. Mr. Holmes judging him to be a model farmer, desired to make his acquaintance, and being up at Dixfield Vill. he rode over to West Peru with Mr. Benj. Lovejoy who was going past Mr. Jenne's residence on his way home. Passing through the village a little way on, Mr. Lovejoy pointed out the house and barn of Mr. Jenne. Mr. Holmes took a sweeping glance of the premises and asked Mr. Lovejoy to stop there, and let him get out, saying he "guessed he would not call, he would go back to Dixfield" and back he went. Perhaps the conclusion was that Mr. Jenne did his best farming on paper. In that line he was able. He was then over 60 years old and breaking down physically. The dilapidated condition of buildings as Mr. Holmes saw them was due to poverty. And though Mr. Jenne lost the confidence and respect of his intending visitor, it is to his credit that he limited the style and finish of buildings to his ready means, and did not seek to make a splendid show with some other man's money. Son Seth showed an aptitude for study, and was a man of promise. He served as school teacher

and was reputed a good scholar. March meeting, 1827, voted and chose Seth Jenne, John Ellis and Moses Lufkin, S. S. Com. Mr. Jenne was also a member of School Com. in 1828. He next fitted for the ministry. He entered service and preached at one time in the Eastern part of Maine where he married and had one son. Writer is informed by a near relative that domestic troubles arose between Mr. Jenne and his wife which led to estrangement and the breaking up of the family, the severing of ties so dear to him. Alas! the strain was too great for the mental equipment of Mr. Jenne. Derangement followed. Record shows that Apr. 3, 1837 Mr. Jenne was disposed of as one of the town's poor. But his labor was sufficient generally to support him to near close of life. It is not known that his wife or son ever came to Peru. We are unable to learn more of them. Mr. Jenne d. on Town Farm, Mar. 15, 1907.

Joseph H. Jenne, Jr., was a clergyman of M. E. Church and a member of the Maine Conference. He preached at one time at Bangor. He removed to Wisconsin about 1852. When last heard from he was preaching as a member of the Wisconsin Conference of the M. E. Church, in the city of Janesville. Isaac m. Lucretia Mitchell May 8, 1839. They settled in Roxbury, Me. Both are dead. Several of their children d. young. Their dau., Calista, m. a Mr. McInnis. She d. several years ago leaving children. The children of Isaac yet living in Roxbury are Albert, Herbert and Betsey, and Henry who resides at South Paris. John E. Jenne suffered from dyspepsia many years, directly after coming to Maine. He went to live with a Mr. Elliott in Rumford and at the age of fifteen joined the Methodist Church there, and continued a member through life. His name first appears on town record in 1843 when elected to the office of Town Clerk, continuing till 1850. He m. Jan. 1, 1850, Phebe Knight, b. Sept. 28, 1815 in Rumford, the dau. of Daniel Knight and Betsey Wheeler and she the dau. of Jeremiah and Keziah Wheeler of Concord, N. H. Their dau., Laura Frances Jenne, was b. Mar. 26, 1854. Since writing the foregoing we learn that John E. returned from Rumford to West Peru about 1832. He soon after went to Lexington, Mass. and two years later to Winthrop, Me., where he learned the trade of carpenter and furniture maker, working two years for a Mr. Morrill. He returned and set up business in the same lines at West Peru in 1837. Later he added the manufacture of doors, sash, blinds and afterwards, coffins and caskets. Also did house painting. Mr. Jenne made use of water power at hand. He in com-

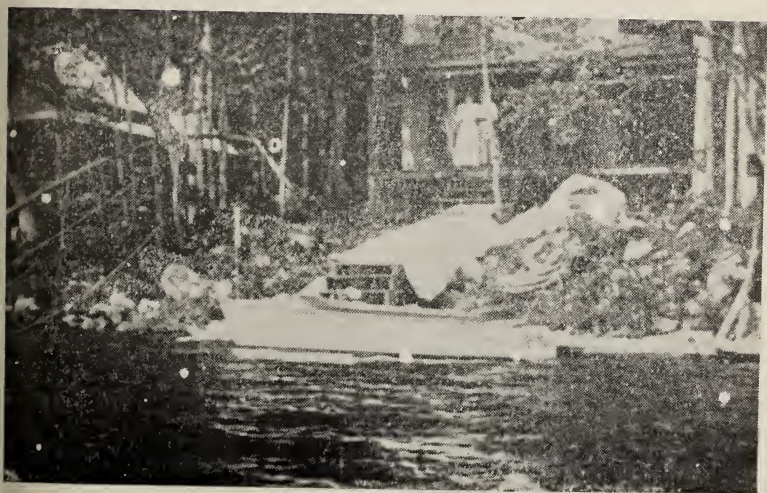
pany with Demus Bishop built in the early fifties, a sawmill, long lumber, a shingle and clapboard mill, he occupying the second story with the manufacture of his lines of goods. Mr. Josiah Hall found the mill occupied as stated when he came to Peru in 1855, and Noah Hall recollects Mr. Bishop and Mr. Jenne were running their mill when he first came to West Peru in the fall of 1853. Mr. Jenne was a useful man in many lines. He taught school in Levi Ludden's barn before a school house was built at West Peru. In early manhood he frequently attended funerals where the services of a clergyman could not be secured, or the people were too poor to pay for the service, often walking miles in snow and mud and inclement weather to serve the people, without pay. He was steward and class leader also Supt. of Sabbath School at West Peru over 35 years, and leader of the choir much of the time. He was a quite constant attendant and a supporter of church service at the center of the town a score and a half years. He was J. P. many years. He d. at West Peru June 14, 1873. His wife d. while living with their dau. in Hartford, June 7, 1897. Laura F., their only child, attended schools of Peru and Dixfield, also the Seminary at Kent's Hill. Did not graduate. She began teaching district schools early and became very popular. Between 1869 and 1900, she taught 82 schools, covering every district from East Sumner to Rd. Falls. She served as supervisor of schools in Hartford four years. Laura F. Jenne m. 1st, Dec. 22, 1876, Axel W. Fogg, b. Hartford, May 15, 1851, son of Nathaniel and Mary Fogg. No issue. They lived at W. Peru till Nov. 1882 and removed to Hartford. Mr. Fogg d. there Dec. 9, 1895. Mrs. Fogg remarried James Irish, widowed, Dec. 2, 1897 at Hartford Center. Both are still living there, 1911.

### Charles Johnson

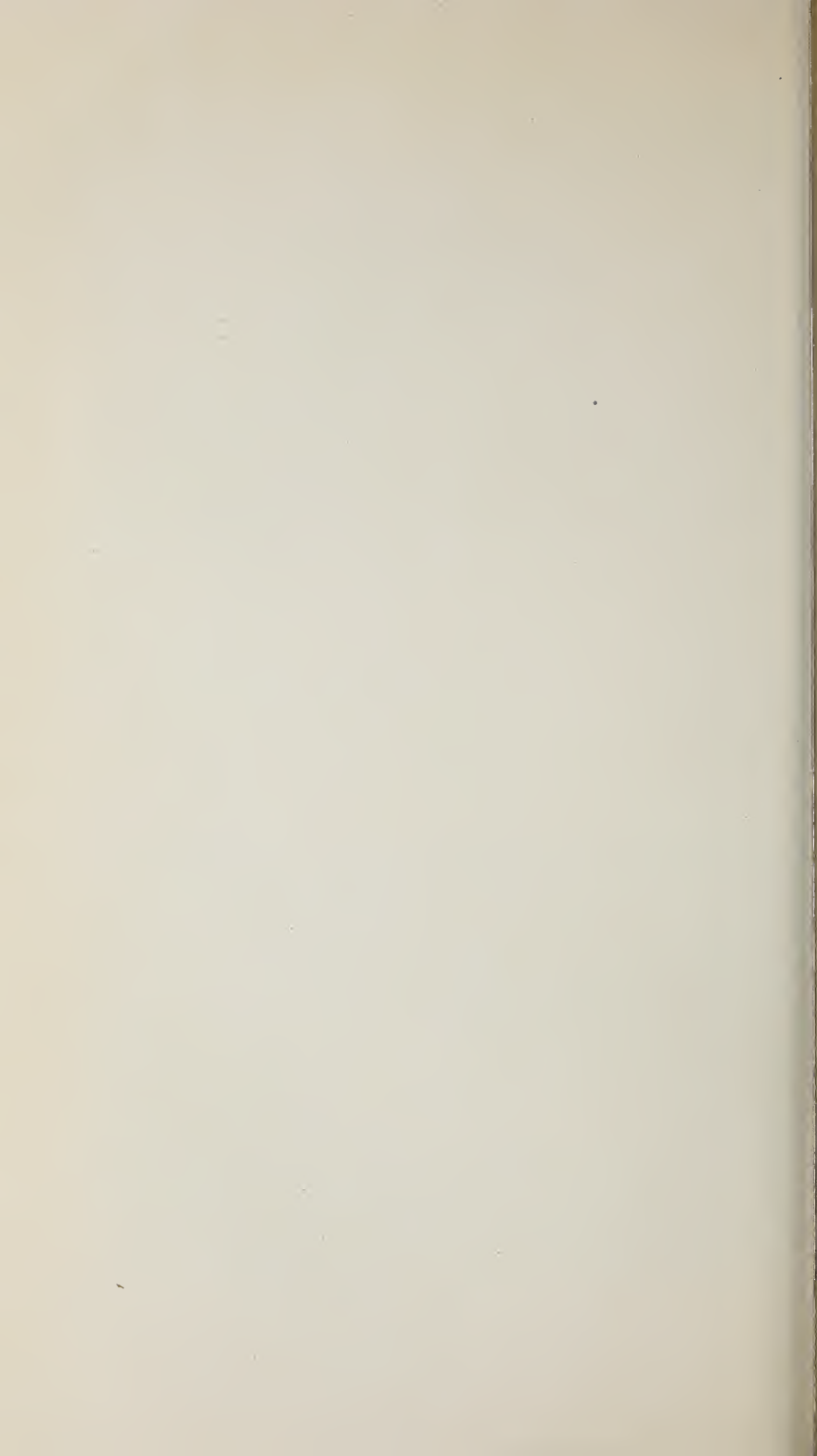
Family of Charles K. and Lydia K. Johnson. Farmers. Husband d. Jan. 25, 1868, ae. 73 yrs. Wife d. June 25, 1866, ae. 65 yrs. Children:—Isaac, went to Mechanicsville, Iowa. Occupation, farmer and ice dealer. Geo. K. m. Dec. 16, 1860, Mary Eliza Niles. He enlisted Co. C, 23d Me., Sept. 10, 1862, and was discharged July 15, 1863. He is a pensioner for disability contracted in the service. Residence, Canton. Edward m. a Lothrop of Jay. He d. at Dickvale, 1882. Joseph C. m. Sept. 14, 1862, Susan Chenery, a sister of David L. Chenery of Dickvale. Cynthia Johnson m. Ebenezer K. Hopkins. Joseph C. d., grave at Peru.



Motor Boating, Worthly Pond.



Camp Worthly, Worthly Pond.



This family came from Andover, Mass., 1816, where Isaac and Cynthia were born. They are not related to A. M. Johnson at Worthly Pond. Mr. Johnson's residence was on High street in Knox neighborhood.

### Enoch Jaques

Enoch and wife, Lucy Jaques. This was the only clergyman called in a corporate capacity by Peru to minister to the people. It was voted in Town Meeting soon after incorporation to call a clergyman to settle on the ministerial lands or lot required by law to be set apart for that purpose. Town voted to give Rev. Jaques one half of said lot and the use of the rest for his services so long as he should continue. In 1823 he was chosen chairman of Selectmen. A committee was chosen to settle with him and his claim on the ministerial land. He left town probably 1824.

### Albert M. Johnson

Albert M. Johnson on the west shore of Worthly Pond is one of Peru's ever busy house carpenters and progressive farmers. His farm is the old Sylvanus Poland homestead. He has made great improvements here the last fifteen years and still had time to help build several structures at Rd. Falls. He m. Mary G. Goode-now. Children:—Grace L., m. around 1899, Geo. Hutchins, b. Monmouth, formerly station agent, East Peru; Fred Johnson is barber at Lewiston; Edith M.; William; Lillian, age 22, m. Pub., Feb. 8, 1905, Willard F. Hatch, age 20, son of John Hatch, Kingston; Guy E.

Mr. Johnson's brother was in the Civil War. After his death his mother received a pension till she remarried an ex-soldier changing her name to Hamlin, who was a pensioner. They lived in Auburn where husband died. After his death her first pension was renewed. She has resided, a pensioner, with son Albert a term of years. She is a Christian. Mr. Johnson keeps in touch over the phone with the business centers and many secluded homes. In the cut "Motor Boating, Worthly Pond" the larger boat is nearing the shore landing at Johnson farm.

### Amos Kyle

Amos Kyle lived on side hill above Bradford Wyman place, m. April 17, 1815, Charity, dau. of Wm. Walker, Sr. Children:—Eleanor, b. Oct. 15, 1815, m. Mar. 16, 1834, Moses True; Charity,

b. Dec. 18, 1817, m. April 5, 1842, Wm. Cooper; Charles Walker, b. Aug. 27, 1820, m. 1st, Louina Soper of Livermore, Pub., July 3, 1843; Amos M., b. Mar. 10, 1822, m. 1st, Sarah Bachelder, 2nd, Nelly Brown of Monmouth; Winslow S., b. Aug. 28, 1824, m. Emily Jones; Mary, b. Feb. 2, 1829, m. Pub., Nov. 8, 1856, Daniel Bachelder of Chesterville; Timothy, b. Dixfield, Aug. 21, 1834, m. Emily Wormell; Sarah Elizabeth, b. Sept. 28, 1837, m. Benjamin House; Julia Alma, b. July 22, 1839. Family of Amos and Sarah G. Kyle, 1st wife d. 1866. Children:—Warren O., b. 1855, in Lowell, Mass.; Oscar N., b. May 4, 1848, shot himself in 1889, insane; Osroe B. b. Nov. 8, 1849, d. May 26, 1852; Leona C., b. Aug. 10, 1852. In Asylum, Augusta, Me. Amos M. came to Monmouth in 1884 with 2nd wife. His mental disorder and that of children was inherited from grandmother, Sibyl Rogers. She revealed same in last years of her life.

Family of Amos M. Kyle and Nellie A., 2nd wife, dau. of Wm. Brown, in Monmouth, m. around 1868. Children:—Bertha G., b. 1870, librarian, Lowell, Mass.; Mabel E., b. 1875, m. Allen Smith. Their children:—Dorothy M., b. 1901; Carroll O., b. 1902 and Gladys E., b. July 1904. Residence, Binghamton, N. Y. Amos M. d. Lowell, Mass., Jan. 15, 1908. Insane 20 years. Cause of death, la grippe. Child of Winslow S. and Emily Kyle:—Aroline Flavilla, b. Aug. 10, 1850. Wm., brother of Amos Kyle, m. Rebecca, dau. of Wm. Walker, Sr., b. Oct. 9, 1795, d. Mar. 1, 1841 in Rumford. Children:—Wm. M., b. Nov. 10, 1815; Sybille, b. Oct. 13, 1817; Mary, b. Oct. 28, 1819. Family moved to Rumford around 1840.

## John Knight

Of the founders of Peru, four separate races of Knight families have representative posterity. The fathers of each race were Merrill Sr., Amos, Samuel and John T. The father of the 5th race here at date of incorporation was Henry. This race has dropped out. John T. d. Dec. 18, 1866, ac. 85 yrs., 8 mos. His wife Nancy d. Nov. 11, 1840, ac. 58 yrs., 4 mos. Their children:—Jeremiah, b. May 11, 1803; Enoch, b. Apr. 10, 1807, d. May 18, 1818; Hiram, b. Feb. 17, 1809, d. Nov. 5, 1810; Elbridge, b. Jan. 19, 1811; Hiram, b. Jan. 27, 1814; Lorenzo, b. May 16, 1817; Nancy Berry, b. Apr. 29, 1822.

Jeremiah Knight came from Westbrook, m. May 10, 1832. Sarah M. Brock of Buckfield, b. Oct. 2, 1809, a sister of Wm. Brock, an early resident of Peru. He d. Dec. 18, 1867. Wife d. Nov. 18,

1883. Their children:—Cordelia Ann, b. Apr. 23, 1834, m. Ezra Whitney. Residence, Rockland, Me. She d. 1902. Rebecca F., b. Feb. 10, 1836, m. Wm. Lewis in Mass. Florilla, b. Aug. 20, 1837, m. 1st, Gould in Lewiston. He d., m. 2nd, John Kenneson in Rockland. All died. Orisa, b. June 24, 1839, m. at Topting, Ill. He d. 1904. She is living, 1908. Senora, b. Dec. 11, 1841, m. Samuel Prescott in Auburn, Me. Emma A., b. Aug. 23, 1843, m. 1860, Elbridge G. Austin, a native resident of Peru. Mrs. Austin is a Christian woman, highly esteemed by all. Mr. Austin has served the public long and well in the manufacture of lumber, custom and private, in developing the water power and promoting the growth of West Peru, adding to the property value of the town. Elbridge G. Austin and son, Arno J., began mill operation at West Peru Vill. around 1892. In connection with their saw, shingle and planing mill, they bought of farmers lumber in the log, and manufactured for market at different periods dowell stock, die blocks, brush blocks and clothes pins. They have built several dwelling houses in the village. They add to the long list of public benefactors of old Peru. Hiram Albert, b. May 3, 1845, m. in Rockland, Arzella Countz. Wife d. in 1878. Myra, b. Mar. 22, 1847, m. Royal Small. Nancy Jane, b. Aug. 26, 1849, m. 1st, — Libby, who d. in 2 yrs., m. 2nd, 1902, John Wyeth, home in Florida. He d. 1906. Roscoe Edwin, b. Feb. 10, 1853, m. Hattie, dau. of Joshua Mitchell of Dixfield. Son, Elton M., living with parents in Rumford.

Lorenzo Knight, brother of Jeremiah, m. 1847, Relief E. Durell of Otisfield, dau. of Wm. Durell. Her mother was Scribner. The two brothers were early settlers on Burgess Hill in Peru. Children:—Augusta, b. Dec. 1848, d. Jan. 23, 1865; Rosan P., b. Nov. 20, 1851; Mary E., b. Mar. 31, 1854, m. John A. Greenleaf, contractor and builder, Auburn; Elbridge G., b. Sept. 1, 1862, d. May 19, 1881. Lorenzo, the parent, d. July 16, 1882, ae. past 65 yrs. His widow is still hale and active, over 80 years old. Mrs. Rosan P. Demeritt has the old family Bible of her grandfather, John T. Knight. She relates that he took great comfort in reading daily the sacred pages; that each time reading revealed to him a new light and greater joy from the same book and chapters. Truly he was an old time Christian. He accomplished life's mission and knew of a truth that there was laid up for him a crown of righteousness, and not for him only but for all who will accept Christ and do his bidding.

## Lucius Keene

Lucius Keene b. in Sumner, May 27, 1816, d. in Peru Dec. 26, 1896, was the son of Melzer, b. Pembroke, Mass. and Annie Hersey, b. Minot. He m. Abby R., dau of Joseph Rowe and Elenor Irish of Hebron. Wife b. Aug. 27, 1822, d. This family lived many years till close of life on Lovejoy Hill. Children:—Hersey, b. Apr. 18, 1856, d. Mar. 12, 1875; Ellen, b. July 30, 1841, m. Joseph Lovejoy. She was a good Christian. Louise E., d. Sept. 14, 1869, ae. 11 mos. Mary Jane, m. Pub., Apr. 10, 1864, Edson H. Millikin of Pownal. Their children d., two infants. Annie Keene m. Edgar Williams. Mr. Keene was a jovial wide awake man, full of fun and repartee, a hail fellow well met. He liked to try titles with neighbors to see who could raise the biggest pig. He got one up to seven hundred pounds and said he would not raise another that big. Mr. Keene was an honest man.

## Kidder

Charles H. Kidder b. in Mexico July 6, 1839, the son of Jacob and Sabrina Kidder d. in Peru Mar. 31, 1909. He was enrolled a Pvt., Co. D, 12th Reg., Me. Vols., Oct. 14, 1861 to serve 3 yrs. and discharged, Portland, Dec. 1, 1864. He m. May 29, 1868, Matilda J., dau. of Harrison and Serena White in Dixfield, b. Sept. 21, 1844. He located at Dixfield Center, a farmer and butcher. He and family were industrious and prosperous. Children:—Cora M., b. Jan. 10, 1869, m. Geo. Litchfield, Jan. 9, 1892; Irving C., b. Apr. 16, 1872; Lena C., b. June 3, 1874, m. Melville T. Deshon, a farmer at East Peru; Alvah B., b. Apr. 3, 1878, d. Feb. 21, 1882; Wilmer B., b. Aug. 28, 1882; Ethel B. Kidder, b. May 25, 1884 in Dixfield. Mr. Kidder and family removed to Peru Center in 1901, having purchased the Elisha S. Wyman farm, then owned by Mrs. Roscoe Roberts then a widow. Mr. Kidder lived here and passed over March 31, 1909. His widow is owner of the premises in fall of 1910. Miss Ethel B. m. in Boston July 23, 1910, Pliney M. Mower, a bookkeeper in Winchendon, Mass., where they will reside. Irving C. Kidder m. Nov. 24, 1898, Hattie B., dau. of Horace Holman of Dixfield. Their children:—Ethlyn M., Kenneth I., Alvah J., d. Sept. 8, 1900, ae. 1 yr., Millard. Wilmer B. Kidder m. Nov. 29, 1906, Nina L., dau. of Howard Turner. Residence, Peru Center. House built by Greenlief Hodsdon. He and Irving C. are the firm in trade here several years. feed mill and store. Children:—Donald W., b. June 10, 1907; dau. b., Apr. 7, 1909.

## Knight

Samuel, one of two brothers, who came from England, d. Feb. 20, 1859, m. Olive Foss in Massachusetts, who in after years returned to Mass., her native place. Grave of Samuel in Knight Cemetery, a rough stone with S. K. scratched across as marker. Children:—Lydia, b. Sept. 2, 1806; Sarah, b. June 18, 1808, m. Jeremiah Hall; Eliza, b. May 19, 1810, d. Oct. 2, 1812; Daniel, b. May 19, 1812, d. June 20, 1812; Maurice, b. June 18, 1813; Elmore, b. Feb. 12, 1815, m. Mary Ann Babb; Mary W., b. June 29, 1818, m. Dec. 6, 1835, Elijah Hall; Jael Angeline, b. Dec. 25, 1821, died young; Phoebe L., b. Mar. 6, 1822, m. Dec. 2, 1839, Joshua Ricker; Daniel, b. Sept. 8, 1824, last known in Cal., 1845-47; Cyrus, b. Dec. 29, 1826, m. Ellen Babb, name changed to Ella W. The last that is known of Cyrus, he was living at Milton Plan. Lenora, b. June 15, 1831, d. Apr. 15, 1908, unmarried, on Peru Town Farm. Elmore d. Jan. 31, 1892, m. Apr. 2, 1844, Mary Ann, b. Oct. 10, 1819, d. Aug. 17, 1901, dau. of Geo. Babb. Children:—Ellen Annette, b. Dec. 13, 1845, m. Ephraim M. Gerrish; Mary, b. Dec. 11, 1847, d. June 8, 1864; Wm. Maurice, b. Oct. 11, 1849, d. Feb. 4, 1902, unmarried; Henry Elwin, b. Jan. 25, 1851; Mariam B., b. Aug. 26, 1855, m. Robert Gillespie; Lizzie, b. Dec. 28, 1859, m. Elwin C. Knox; Georgianna, d. May 31, 1864, ae. 1 yr., 7 mos. Henry E., m. Sept. 1, 1903, Elizabeth, dau. of Myron G. Hickok, and widow of Roscoe Roberts, b. Vermont. Henry E. was the successor on his father's farm and followed farming with success till about the close of the year 1903, when he sold farm and stock to Robert Gillespie, who had m. his sister, Mariam B. They continue there, industrious and enterprising to date. Mr. Knight located at Dixfield Vill., bought a house lot and built him a home. Occupation, house carpenter. He helped by his labor build the iron fence around the Knight Cemetery in fall of 1909.

## Henry Knight

Another race here in 1821. Henry and Thursey Knight. Children:—Ebenezer Buxton, b. Nov. 9, 1816; William, b. Oct. 29, 1818; Sally, b. Sept. 16, 1820. Another family came later. Ebenezer B. and Elizabeth Knight. Children:—Zacheus Trafton, b. Aug. 25, 1839; Mary Ellen, b. May 11, 1832. No further knowledge of these families.

## Sons of Merrill Knight, Sr.

Goin Knight married 1st, Eunice Dorr, probably sister of David Dorr, spelled formerly Dore, about 1806. His child Polly died Nov. 2, 1807, ae. 5 months. Had daughters Eunice, born Nov. 11, 1809. She m. Leonard Trask of Peru. Fanny, born July 2, 1811, m. Ansel Hall of Wilton, Mar. 7, 1827. Wife Eunice Knight died July 23, 1811, two days after birth of child, ae. 27 years. Goin Knight m. 2nd, Betsey Roberts, sister to Seth Roberts. Their only child, Orville Knight, born Dec. 13, 1814, m. Patience Rogers of Lowell, Mass. about 1836. Their children:—Nancy Octava, b. May 20, 1837; Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1839, d. Mar. 18, 1842; Charles Goin, b. Jan. 4, 1841, d. Apr. 29, 1842; Albert S., b. Nov. 2, 1844; Frank, b. Mar. 20, 1847. Goin Knight was hauling logs in woods Apr. 8, 1841, and died alone of heart trouble, ae. about 80 years. His widow, Betsey Knight, died on the Town Farm May 3, 1860, ae. probably 70 years or more. Orville Knight died of injury May 20, 1855 at Lewiston. His wife and children subsequently went West and found new homes. Harry, the next younger son of Merrill, Sr., lived on New County Road near the corner of branch road leading to Brady Bailey's at that date and near O. L. Knight place. He died there of blood poisoning from sore on heel in the early thirties. No further information is available. The next son, Adam, born 1792, m. Betsey Chase, born 1794, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Chase, Buckfield. They lived first on second tier of lots west of Wm. Walker, Jr. place adjoining Morrill Ledge Mountain. "Voted in Plantation meeting, Dec. 11, 1813 to lay out a road from the west county road to Adam Knight's farm," known a few years ago as the Daniel Gammon farm. Next he built and run a saw mill at the place since named Dickvale. He died there Apr. 15, 1853, ae. 61 years. His wife died June 22, 1847, ae. 53 years. Their children:—Nathaniel, b. Dec. 7, 1816; Merrill, b. Dec. 6, 1818; Salome, b. Dec. 26, 1820. Salome m. June 23, 1850, Enoch Morrill in Summer. Eveline A., b. Mar. 23, 1824, died Mar. 7, 1844, ae. 20 years. Calista, b. Mar. 27, 1826. Calista m. Pub., Aug. 19, 1848, Oliver Robins in Woodstock. Daniel, b. Mar. 10, 1828. Did not marry. Went to Oregon when a young man and died there in a few years. Jemima, b. Dec. 23, 1831, m. Lucius Doble. Maria Louisa, b. Dec. 27, 1837, m. Wesley Farnum.

Merrill Knight, Jr., the youngest son of Merrill was born in Falmouth, Aug. 20, 1793. He married Rachel Buxton, born 1799, Falmouth. Children:—Emeline, b. Mar. 16, 1818, d. July 16,

1854, married Wm. Bailey, Feb. 6, 1850; Catherine, b. Mar. 12, 1820, m. Oliver Brackett. Their daughter, Sarah Jane, was b. New Gloucester in 1849, d. at Livermore Falls, Sept. 18, 1906. Adam, b. July 6, 1822, died Aug. 6, 1845, ae. 23 years. Albion K. P., b. June 1, 1825. Samuel B., b. Dec. 22, 1828. William Leavitt, b. Oct. 2, 1835. Daughters of Merrill Knight, Sr.:—Sally or Sarah, m. 1st a Goodwin, 2nd m. David Dorr of Peru. She died Apr. 3, 1855. Dates not available. Lucy, b. 1779, m. 1802-3, Amos Knight, b. Westbrook 1781. He was a member of School Committee in Plan. 1813 and Moderator of the Plantation meeting, Dec. 11, 1813. Doubtless he was a resident here years before this date. No family relation existed between this couple prior to their marriage. There were four or five separate races of Knight families in town. Their children:—Polly, b. Oct. 1, 1804, d. Mar. 6, 1805; Sarah, b. Feb. 6, 1807, m. Stephen Gammon July 28, 1825; Leonard, b. Oct. 26, 1808; Mary Jane, b. July 13, 1810, m. Arsa Fobes, May 25, 1828; Mariam, b. Oct. 25, 1812, m. Merrill Holman, Dixfield; Harrison, b. Nov. 1814, m. July 13, 1842, Irena Holman, daughter of Jonathan of Dixfield. He died in U. S. service, Co. M, 2nd Me. Cav. 1861-5. John J., b. Mar. 6, 1816, d. Dec. 21, 1818. John b. July 13, 1818. Goin, b. Dec. 29, 1819, d. Oct. 26, 1820. Saphrona, b. Sept. 22, 1821, m. Jeremiah Brackett, a brother of Wm. P. Brackett. Eunice, daughter of Merrill Knight, Sr., born 1763, m. 1st Daniel Barton of Peru; had son James, b. Mar. 10, 1806; husband died Oct. 28, 1838; m. 2nd, Benj. York, aged 84 yrs., Nov. 6, 1845. She was aged 83 yrs. She died Feb. 19, 1853, aged 90 yrs. Another daughter, Miriam, dates wanting, m. Ebenezer Waite of Livermore, b. Mar. 8, 1776. He died Jan. 23, 1852. Dorcas, b. 1784 m. Francis Waite, brother of Ebenezer, born Falmouth Aug. 17, 1783. Martha, b. 1788, Falmouth, m. Wm. Walker, Jr., May 17, 1811. He was born Sept. 30, 1790. Mercy, b. 1783, m. Peter Holman, the father of Col. John J. Holman, Dixfield, b. 1769, d. Oct. 30, 1829. Wife died Dec. 9, 1855, ae. 79 yrs., 5 mos. Mary Knight m. Nathaniel Dorr. Merrill Knight, Sr. had 8 daus. who grew up, married and raised a large family of children. Of his four sons three m. and had good families.

### Sons of Adam Knight

Nathaniel Knight b. Dec. 1816, d. Oct. 20, 1856, m. June 5, 1842, Columbia Sweet. Children:—Aubrye Mellen, b. Aug. 8, 1843; Evaline Auville, b. June 11, 1845, m. Oct. 17, 1868, Lorenzo, b. Nov. 11, 1843, son of Freeman Irish; Daniel, b. June 26, 1853.

Widow and children went West. Nathaniel was enterprising and progressive, a champion of all moral reforms, a highly esteemed citizen. Merrill Knight 2nd, b. Dec. 6, 1818, d. June 13, 1881, m. 1st May 1842, Angeline M. Ford, a sister to Capt. Elhanan Ford in Sumner. Wife d. June 24, 1848 in Sumner. He m. 2nd Jan. 15, 1854, Esther W., dau. of Rev. Wm. Woodsum in Peru. Children:—Revilla A. Knight, m. Feb. 9, 1878, Aravesta, dau. of Seth W. Jackson. Lura Knight did not marry. She was a good scholar in common English branches. She taught her first school at West Peru Vill. in early eighties and gave her pupils a thorough drill in all their studies. She d. at Sumner while on a visit to relatives, Aug. 26, 1906, having been in poor health several years. Widow Esther W. d. May 12, 1889, ae. 64 yrs., 10 mos., 10 days. This was a Christian family, highly respected by all. Both of these brothers taught schools in town and served on the school board. They were prominent members of the Light Infantry, a new Co. of the Home Militia in town around middle forties.

Leonard, son of Amos Knight, m. Nov. 28, 1831, Betsey, dau. of Zadoc and Judith Forbes. Wife b. Jan. 25, 1803, d. around 1886. He d. April 13, 1843. Children:—Daniel Waterman, b. Jan. 21, 1833; Cordelia, b. Dec. 12, 1834, d. Sept. 6, 1856; Judith, b. Dec. 12, 1840, d. Oct. 1842. John, son of Amos Knight, m. May 24, 1851 to Martha Ann, 1st wife, dau. of Josiah Gerrish, b. Nov. 21, 1824, d. July 7, 1867. Children:—Leavitt M., b. Oct. 18, 1852, m. Jessie F., dau. of Thos. J. DeMerritt, Mar. 29, 1879; Leonard Randall, b. July 3, 1854. Wife, Alice B. Children:—Leonard Randall, Jr., b. Oct. 1, 1897; Martha Lorana, b. 1904. Osroe Leighton b. Aug. 29, 1857, m. Mar. 16, 1879, Mary E., dau. of Albion K. P. Knox. Wife d. Mar. 20, 1889. Baby b. Mar. 18, 1889, d. Mar. 23, 1889. He married 2nd, Cassie Louise, dau. of Wm. Brown, Mass. Children:—John Leighton, Ralph G., Blanche E. Parent John died Apr. 26, 1896. He m. 2nd, June 9, 1868, Mary G., dau. of David Shaw, Sanbornton, N. H. Daniel W. m. Aug. 2, 1857, Lydia Jane, b. Peru, dau. Seth Burgess. Children:—Leroy Waldron, b. July 27, 1858, m. Oct. 19, 1882, Ida M. Fletcher, Buckfield; Cora Belle, b. Sept. 19, 1860, m. Everett B. Fletcher in Peru; Adna W., b. May 31, 1865. Adna W. m. Jan. 13, 1883, Laura Etta, dau. of Danville Knox, d. May 4, 1901. No issue. Adopted Edith Knox. Married 2nd, Nov. 26, 1903, Ada E., dau. of Ephraim M. Gerrish. Child:—Burton A., b. Sept. 27, 1907; Lizzie Gertrude, b. June 19, 1867, m. Sept. 29, 1888, Chas. Skillings of Auburn. Children:—Ethel, Ernest, Alice, Hazel.

## Sons of Merrill Knight, Jr.

Albion K. P., b. Peru, d. Dec. 10, 1887, m. Aug. 11, 1859, Emily, b. June 9, 1830, d. July 9, 1903 dau. of Robert and Betsey Barstow. Children:—Matilda, Corrina, b. Aug. 19, 1862, m. Fred G. Newton. Child:—Percival K., b. Apr. 11, 1873, m. 1st, Addie M. Harriman, b. Mar. 1880, d. July 23, 1901. Dau. Mabel. He m. 2nd, Sept. 8, 1903, Lena M., dau. of Geo. Virgin and Eva Pratt of Carthage. Samuel B. Knight d. Feb. 3, 1901, m. Mar. 13, 1876, Nancy A., d. Jan. 16, 1898, dau. of Chas. G. Knox and Elizabeth Roberts. Son Flavil A. m. Flora E. Floyd. William L. d. June 22, 1906, m. May 2, 1860, Sarah E., dau. of Stephen Gammon. First born d. young. Children:—Elnora B., m. Leonard H. Davenport; Edgar S., m. Aug. 1906, Mabel Allen, Mechanic Falls; Affie E., m. R. A. Pinkham; Clifton. Affie E. Pinkham d. July 2, 1904, ae. 33 yrs., 6 mos., leaving Richworth A. and six children in Peru. Names, Tressa, Georgia A., Philip M., Helen I., Leon R., Leroy. Mr. Pinkham is a first class house painter.

## Knox Family

Three brothers, Joshua, Eli and James, of the Knox family were early settlers in Peru. Joshua and wife came first and perhaps their first child b. in 1810. All the other children were born in town. He was chairman of a committee for division of school districts in 1819. His farm was a good selection on High street, where he and wife, and two generations of his offspring lived and reared families. All were enterprising and prosperous farmers. While the offspring of many pioneers have believed Peru a good town to emigrate from, the Knox families and the Oldhams have stood by generally and helped hold the fort. The other brothers came after the incorporation a few years. It is believed they lived and died here, and several of their children. This race were good citizens, honest and reliable, good neighbors, kind hearted and of temperate habits; in politics Democrats; in religion neutral.

Joshua Knox d. Dec. 25, 1839, ae. 47 yrs., m. Mar. 19, 1810, Polly Tuttle. Wife d. Aug. 28, 1860. Children:—Montilion S., b. Oct. 1810; Everett, b. Apr. 14, 1819, d. Peru; Charles G., b. June 12, 1820, d. Peru; Albion K. P., b. Oct. 2, 1821, d. Nov. 7, 1867; Danville Decatur, b. Sept. 16, 1824, d. Peru; Chandler B., b. Feb. 24, 1827, m. sister of Leander Teague; Hiram R., b. May 1, 1829, d. Peru; Algernon S., b. Apr. 22, 1831, d. Peru; Mary Ann M., b. Feb. 22, 1833, m. Otis Gammon.

Chas. G. Knox d. July 19, 1866, m. Pub., Sept. 19, 1840, Elizabeth W., dau. of Seth Roberts. Wife d. Nov. 26, 1901, ae. 79 yrs., 10 mos., 15 days. Children:—Joshua Ripley, b. Dec. 14, 1843; Sumner R. N., b. Dec. 21, 1845; Melville, b. Mar. 3, 1848, unmarried; Chas. Emery, b. July 14, 1850, d. Oct. 7, 1853; Nancy Anna, b. Feb. 26, 1853, m. Samuel B. Knight; Chas. Emery, b. Sept. 3, 1855, m. Dec. 6, 1894, Althea A. York, parted; Ella Etta, b. Mar. 21, 1859, d. Jan. 1, 1862; Lillian Ardella, b. Aug. 19, 1865, m. 2d, John Frost; Lucy M., b. d. July 16, 1864, ae. 11 mos.; Perley G., ae. 32 yrs., m. 2nd, Nov. 24, 1894, Leanna M. Morrison, ae. 20 yrs., of Sumner. Infant son d. 1898. Perley G. m 1st, Lona L. Knight, a descendant of David Morse or his wife. Children by Perley:—Linwood P. and Edith May. The last named m. July 2, 1907, Chas. A. Newton, b. Dixfield. Lona L. and Perley G. parted.

Joshua R., son of Chas. G. Knox, m. Apr. 23, 1865, Sarah M., dau. of Chas. York. Children:—Chandler B., b. Sept. 26, 1868; Evander Bert, b. m. Lizzie T. Knox, widow; Chas. W.; Walter E.; Sumner R., m. May 17, 1872, Mary Ella, dau. of Xaveri Martin. Children:—Sarah E., m. Leadbetter; Gladys M., m. Erwin Austin. Albion K. P., son of Joshua Knox, m. Dec. 7, 1851, Susannah S., dau. of John C. Wyman, Sr. Wife d. Jan. 19, 1879, ae. 49 yrs., 7 mos. Children:—Flora Etta, b. Feb. 5, 1852, d. May 30, 1869; Elwin Chandler, b. Oct. 28, 1853; Harriet Jeanette, b. Mar. 26, 1856, m. Ezra Bray; Mary E., b. Dec. 28, 1857, m. Osroe Knight; Angie E., b. July 31, 1860, d. Oct. 2, 1861; Clement, died out west.

Danville D., son of Joshua Knox, m. Nov. 6, 1850, Bethia, dau. of Seth Roberts. Widow Bethia d. Nov. 11, 1909, ae. 80 yrs., b mos., 27 d. Children:—Danville A., b. Nov. 25, 1854, d. Jan. 5, 1862; Chester Linwood, b. Apr. 17, 1857; Laura Etta, b. July 30, 1860, m. Adna Knight; Angie A., b. Nov. 26, 1862, u. m.; Frank L., b. Sept. 7, 1865, m. 2nd, dau. of Columbus Taintor; Flora E., d. Jan. 13, 1851, ae. 5 mos.; Elmer W.; Chester L. m. Flavilla, dau. of Isaac Whitman; they had son, Cleston; wife d. Child:—Susie M., Chester L. m. 2nd. Residence, Mechanic Falls. House carpenter. Have two children. Hiram R., son of Joshua, m. Pub., Dec. 16, 1854, Miriam M., dau. of Seth Roberts. Children:—Lucy Ellen, b. Oct. 13, 1855, d. Jan. 27, 1862; Paracinia Augusta, b. Apr. 16, 1857, d. Feb. 8, 1862; Ruby Frances, b. Aug. 10, 1858; Ellen B., b. d. Jan. 27, 1862. Algernon, son of Joshua Knox, d. May 21, 1899, m. Pub., Nov. 10, 1856, to Victoria, dau. of Brady Bailey, Jr.

Children:—Nelly M., b. Jan. 2, 1857, m. Amasa F. Carter; Lewis M., d. Oct. 26, 1897, ae. 35 yrs., married July 4, 1891, Eva M., dau. of Edwin R. Austin.

James Knox, a brother of Joshua Knox and family. He d. Jan. 29, 1839, ae. 46 yrs., and had wife, Sarah. Children:—Calista Jane, b. Mar. 17, 1820, m. James Starbird; John, b. Jan. 17, 1822, d. Jan. 4, 1840; Dorcas Eveline, b. Apr. 6, 1824; Asa Moore, b. May 22, 1826. Residence, Metheun, Mass.; Amanda Melvina, b. Mar. 13, 1828; Lydia Merinda, b. Aug. 16, 1830; Rebecca Rosalind, b. Aug. 16, 1834. The above births and deaths were in Peru, excepting the birth of the first and perhaps the second child.

Elwin C. Knox, son of Albion K. P., m. Mar. 14, 1879, Lizzie T., dau. of Elmore Knight. Children:—Ernestine M., b. Apr. 24, 1880; Ethel A., b. June 2, 1883, m. Nov. 11, 1902, Elmer L., son of Elmer W. Knox. Their son, Lester L., b. Aug. 15, 1907; Grace M., b. Oct. 1, 1886; Elwin C., Jr., b. May 1890; Gerald E.; Harold A. Ernestine M., m. Sept. 11, 1897, Thos. W. Stillman, have son, Gerald T., b. April 19, 1903. Family in California. Parent Elwin C. d. May 22, 1896. Widow remarried Evander B. Knox, son of Joshua R. Their children:—Merle B., Sadie L., Adeline G.

Elmer W. Knox, son of Danville D., m. 1st, Oct. 13, 1874, Mary, dau. of Cyrus Davenport. Children:—Flora E., Elmer L. Wife d. Apr. 8, 1886. Elmer W. m. 2nd, Lona L. Knox, divorced. Marriage, May 5, 1888. Children:—Selma M., Chester L., Mabel A., Elmer W., Jr., Laura B., Iva M., Herbert E., Margaret L.

Eli Knox, brother of Joshua, m. around 1825, Annis Maxim, b. Hebron, a sister of Lydia, the wife of Daniel Delano. Children:—Julia Ann, b. 1826, d. in Mass.; Boardman, b. 1828, d. in Mass.; Sarah Jane, b. Oct. 4, 1830, m. Dec. 3, 1848, Xaveri Martin in Peru; Eli Knox, Jr., b. Dec. 25, 1832, m. Lucy Maria Brown of East Abington, now Rockland, Mass. He d. 1878 in Rockland. Wife d. there 1908. Their son, Alfred Everett, d. there 1876, ae. nearly 19 years.

Eli Knox, Sr., d. in Peru around 1832. His widow had a home with Samuel Burgess. She remarried May 10, 1835, Edsil Smith, son of Josiah Smith. Their children:—Comfort, b. Aug. 27, 1835, m. Emery Record of Buckfield; Mary T., b. Aug. 1, 1837; Albion K., b. June 1, 1840; Elizabeth Joanna, b. July 8, 1843. Sarah Maxim, a sister to Annis, m. George H. Smith, a brother to Edsil. Thus the children of Delano and those of Knox and the two Smiths are cousins. Three Maxim sisters of Hebron married and settled in Peru.

## Thomas S. Lord

One of the 1812 war soldiers laid at rest in the Franklin Cemetery is Thomas S. Lord b. in Lebanon, Me. 1792, d. July 1, 1873, ae. 81 yrs. He enlisted in a New Hampshire Regt. Land service and at close of service returned to Lebanon. Subsequently he came to Livermore, Me. where he m. Polly Dorr and settled there, continuing many years, and a pensioner about two years, till his death; his widow succeeding him on the pension roll at Livermore and at Franklin. Wife d. at latter place, June 1, 1888, ae. 88 yrs., 2 mos., 19 days. Children:—Thos. Lord, b. Aug. 13, 1817, d. Oct. 16, 1902, m. Sept. 29, 1840, Marcenia G. Mathews; Mary Jane Lord, b. 1819, m. Almon Andrews; Benj. Lord, b. 1823, m. Apr. 16, 1850, Julia Etta, dau. of Gardiner Lovejoy. Benj. was a soldier, Co. D, 12th Me. He d. 1905. Widow d. Feb. 1906. Andrew Lord m. Hannah Canwell, Nov. 17, 1853. Sarah Lord m. Columbus Wing; both living in Peru, 1910. Mary H., b. 1819, m. Nov. 29, 1838, Almon Andrews. Wife d. May 7, 1906.

Family of Thomas and Marcenia G. Lord. Roxanna, b. Oct. 22, 1842. Albert, b. Sept. 17, 1844. Residence, Portland. Augusta Jane, b. Oct. 9, 1846, m. Nov. 25, 1866, John A. Caldwell. Angelia, b. Feb. 20, 1849, single. Dexter D., b. Jan. 13, 1851. Martha, b. Apr. 16, 1853, m. in Lewiston. Mary Alma, b. Aug. 1, 1855, d. of consumption. Henrietta, b. Jan. 8, 1858, d. insane. Hattie A., b. May 3, 1860, d. of consumption. Melville Y., b. May 9, 1864. Dexter D. m. Dec. 11, 1873, Ida M., dau. of Seth Jackson. Wife d. Jan. 16, 1881, ae. 25 yrs., 6 mos., 24 days. Their children:—Bertha, d. Apr. 8, 1875, ae. 5 mos.; Ethel May, b. Mar. 30, 1879, was living with father and step-mother at Brettun's Mills, Livermore.

## Lara

Stephen Lara, b. Gorham, Me., m. around 1821, Rebecca Hamlin in Gorham. In the early forties and down to the early fifties, the high elevation of land overlooking to the east and south, the head waters of Stony brook, derived its name "Lara Hill" from this family with their farm home on its summit. At its foot on the north was the Benjamin Fobes farm, which later passed to G. Washington Bisbee, the parent of Geo. D. Bisbee, attorney, who enlisted from that farm in army service. The Lara family were: John b. Apr. 19, 1822; Eunice H., b. Oct. 9, 1823, m. Mar. 2, 1851, Joshua York, lives in Baldwin, Me.; Charles F., b. Nov. 13, 1827, m. Emily Howell, Fall River, Mass. He died 1855; Mary

H., b. May 3, 1829, m. Storer Libby, Morrill's Corner, died about 1900; Margaret Ann, b. and d. 1831; Hazen Danforth, b. Apr. 22, 1833, d. Jan. 22, 1908. He worked at stone cutting largely through life, a first class workman. He was an honest, honorable man. He married Sarah M. Waite. Their residence many years was at Mechanic Falls, where wife died, 1894. No issue. Samuel H., b. Nov. 1, 1835. Residence, Athol, Mass. Abigail d. a babe, Feb. 1837. Stephen, b. Sept. 1840, d. at Paris about 1870. Catherine B., b. May 27, 1843, d. July 12, 1846.

John Lara learned trade of stone cutter when a young man. He worked at his trade in Boston in the fifties and sixties. He m. Lydia S., dau. of Francis Lunt of Peru. There were b. to them in Boston two sons and a daughter where wife died Aug. 10, 1868. After wife's death Mr. Lara and his sons removed to Canada. The dau. at last account was in Boston and the sons in Canada. Mr. Lara subsequently went West, married a 2nd wife and lived with her at Whitewood, near Rocky Mountains when he died, leaving a widow, two sons and a daughter.

### The Lunt Family

It is a family tradition that three Lunt brothers came from Newbury, Berkshire County, England and settled in what is now Newburyport, Mass. in 1633. One of these eventually located near St. Johns, N. B., the other two becoming the forbears of a widely scattered and highly respected family. Henry Lunt was a favorite officer under Commodore John Paul Jones in the Bonhomme Richard and assisted in the capture of the Serapis and throughout the war for independence. His grandson, Rev. William Parsons Lunt, D. D., was the corresponding secretary of the Mass. Historical Society at the time of his death, Mar. 21, 1857, while traveling for his health in Egypt. He was born in 1805 and graduated at Harvard in 1823. A memorial was erected in his honor in the church in Quincy where he officiated.

The Lunt family in Peru. The progenitor so far as traced was Samuel Lunt in Kittery, Me., b. Jan. 23, 1722, who came to Falmouth, Me. between 1742 and 1745, where it is presumed he d. July 26, 1772. Nothing is known of his wife except her death, Nov. 1778. Their children were:—William, b. Kittery, Sept. 18, 1742, d. Falmouth Mar. 21, 1806; Mary, b. Falmouth, Aug. 15, 1745, d. Nov. 28, 1772. I quote from two authorities, one has name Sarah and one Hannah, b. Oct. 19, 1747, d. (no date) at

Sabbathday Pond, New Gloucester; Daniel, b. Nov. 19, 1749, d. in Westbrook, Nov. 29, 1823; Samuel, b. Dec. 31, 1750, d. Demerara, Cuba, Aug. 31, 1775; John, b. July 5, 1754, d. July 3, 1809. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Lodicia H. Smith, dau. of Francis Lunt, at the hand of John F. Hull we have the war record of Capt. Daniel Lunt in the Continental Army. He first appears as Sergeant in Capt. John Brackett's Co., which marched from Falmouth, Me., Apr. 19, 1775. After frequent mention he appears as 2nd Lieut. in said Co. Dec. 3, 1776 as 1st Lieut. Jan. 1, 1777 as Capt. in Col. Tupper's Regt., Jan. 1, 1780 to Jan. 1, 1783. Frequent mention of him in Mass. Archives Lexington Alarms, Vol. 11, Page 218, Vol. 15, Page 214. Continental Army Books, Vol. 18, Page 66, Vol. 19, Part 1, Page 99. Mass. Muster and Pay Rolls, Vol. 60, Fol. 1. Mass. Muster and Pay Rolls, Vol. 60, Fol. 11. Field and Staff Rolls, Vol. 60, Page 13. The sword he carried through the war is (now 1907) owned by John C. B. Smith, the son of the said Lodicia H., also the monogram that was on his gun. He broke the blade of the sword in an encounter and brazed it together again. Capt. Lunt, the land proprietor, m. around 1772, Mollie Starbird, b. June 11, 1749, his first wife. She d. Dec. 25, 1787. They had seven children:—Daniel, Jr., b. Oct. 7, 1772 in Falmouth, d. Jan. 7, 1854 in Peru; William, b. Mar. 12, 1775, d. Mar. 16, 1809 on the Wm. Kyle farm, now Henry Chase; buried in field there, East Peru; Samuel, b. May 1, 1777, d. Mar. 21, 1798 at St. Jago, the south side of Cuba; James 1st, b. Oct. 18, 1781, d. Dec. 28, 1781; James 2nd, b. Mar. 6, 1784, d. Feb. 27, 1872 in Peru; Hannah, b. Dec. 27, 1785, Hannah Elder by marriage d. Mar. 2, 1809; Molly, b. Nov. 17, 1787, d. Dec. 7, 1787, followed by her mother 18 days after. Capt. Daniel Lunt's second wife was Eunice Conant, b. July 12, 1763, a sister of Joseph Conant, one of the early pioneers of Peru. Five children:—Francis, b. July 16, 1790, d. in Boston, Oct. 6, 1864; Molly or Mary, b. Feb. 8, 1792, m. Wm. Kyle, his 1st wife. She d. Oct. 11, 1813. Record shows Wm. Kyle one of the Assessors of Plan., 1812. It is evident that his wife Mary d. in Rumford where they moved. Geo. W. Lunt, b. Mar. 24, 1794, d. Dixfield, Oct. 21, 1874. Bartholomew, b. Jan. 24, 1796, d. Feb. 14, 1837 at Falmouth. Eunice, b. June 26, 1799, d. July 10, 1821. Bartholomew m. Huldah Jepson.

Capt. Daniel Lunt, soldier of war of 1773, d. Nov. 29, 1823, ae 74 yrs., at Falmouth, Me. He was interred near Pride's Corner on home farm, down in a field or private cemetery. The inscription on head stone does not show service in War of Revolution. It

reads, "Capt. Daniel Lunt died Nov. 29, 1823, ae. 74 years." Daniel Lunt, Jr. married Rhody Starbird about 1798. Five children:—Eunice, b. Jan. 22, 1799, d. July 12, 1819 in Peru; Dean, b. Mar. 2, 1801, the first white male child born in the Township, now Peru; Polly, b. Apr. 22, 1807, m. Jonathan Hall, Dec. 1, 1826. He died 1827; Levi, b. May 14, 1809; Susan, b. Aug. 4, 1812, d. Dec. 16, 1840. This includes all of this family. Daniel, the parent, died Jan. 7, 1854, ae. 81 yrs., 3 mos. His wife died Sept. 6, 1863, ae. 87 yrs., 11 mos. Eunice and Susan did not marry. Polly d., the wife of John M. Deshon, Mar. 13, 1836, in Canton. Dean m. Mary Burnham of Bethel; no issue. He d. Mar. 2, 1883, ae. 82 yrs. His wife d. in Bethel a year or two after. This man was one of the leading officials of the town many years, a man of integrity, good judgment, staunch, upright and reliable. His brother, Levi, shared with him these qualities. They were farmers and shared in content equally their father's home farm through life with no fence in tillage or pasture to mark the dividing line.

Levi Lunt was one of Peru's quota of troops called for by Governor Fairfield of Maine in 1839 pending the Madawaska war. He joined the State militia at Augusta, where his gallantry and dignity won him a captain's commission. Fully equipped with sword in hand the Capt. and his command slept upon their arms, expecting hourly the call, forward, march! So great was sounded the tocsin of war! There had been a dispute as to the true line between this State and New Brunswick. A party from the latter place seized Mr. Rufus McIntire, land agent of Maine, near Madawaska settlement and carried him to Fredericton on a horse sled. The news spread with the rapidity of lightning over the country. The militia of the State were called out under the command of Gen. Hodsdon and the troops rendezvoused at Bangor and Augusta. Gen. Scott was ordered to Maine and on his arrival at Augusta, sent a communication to Sir John Harvey of the provincial government. Mr. McIntire was released, the alarm subsided and the troops were disbanded and returned home. Capt. Lunt brought home his sword. A few years later he commanded one of the Co.'s one training day, at Wm. Walker's hotel, with the identical sword. It is now a relic in the family. The only grandchild of Daniel Lunt, Jr., was Jonathan, the son of Polly Hall.

Levi Lunt m. Dec. 20, 1840, Sarah Jane, b. Sept. 1, 1814, dau. of Thomas Frashier in Peru; no issue. Wife d. June 3, 1876. Husband d. Sept. 3, 1884. The end came sudden and unexpected. Seemingly in health and vigor he lay upon the lounge for a short

mid-day nap, complained of a slight chill as his housekeeper drew the wrap about him; in a few moments he was asleep, and in a short time without a move, he had passed to higher life. He experienced religion in the middle forties at an evening prayer meeting, at the home of Joseph Ricker. It was a Pentecostal season. In answer to prayer, the spirit of God filled his soul, and he was redeemed from Adam's transgression, born anew, an heir of God and His Throne; a glorious inheritance. Of all earthly attainments, this is the greatest. Without it here in the flesh, life is a failure, and death is a leap in the dark. 'We must be born to a spiritual life to gain heaven. Seek Christ while you are living and all will be well.

James Lunt was the business manager of his father's land here, and the principal land broker many years. Honest, upright and reliable, he became one of the leading men in town affairs, and an active member of the Methodist Church in Peru. James Lunt m. Mercy, the daughter of Joseph Coolidge and Mary Adams. Wife born Watertown, Mass. Nov. 12, 1786. Coolidge came from Watertown to Livermore, Me. Children:—Hannah, b. Apr. 25, 1812, m. Joel H. Bigelow, Livermore, Mar. 1843; Nancy, b. Aug. 25, 1814, m. Samuel Holmes, 2nd wife, Sept. 17, 1848, died Nov. 20, 1868; Dorcas W., b. Feb. 8, 1817, m. Sewell M. Norton in Livermore, Sept. 1845, died Apr. 8, 1852; Mary A., b. Aug. 12, 1820, m. Robert L. Hall, 2nd wife, May 31, 1855; Jane, b. Mar. 19, 1823, m. Sewell Norton, 2nd wife, Sept. 3, 1862; Harriet, b. Nov. 10, 1826, d. Dec. 22, 1853; Sally W., b. Jan. 2, 1829, m. Jacob Lovejoy, Sept. 2, 1852, d. May 6, 1866; Mercy, b. Apr. 16, 1834, did not marry, died Sept., 1872. Their father died Feb. 27, 1872. Mother died Sept. 6, 1874. None of the last two Lunt families named or their descendants live in town 1907. All of James Lunt's children were born in Peru and all were successful school teachers, highly esteemed by all. Hannah was first teacher of Melissa Jackson, who praises her teacher, Aug. 1908.

Francis Lunt, the first child by 2nd wife of Capt. Lunt m. Lydia S. Simmons. Their children:—Daniel Lunt, b. Feb. 17, 1815; Robert B., b. Jan. 15, 1818; John S., b. Nov. 13, 1819; Eunice, b. Oct. 23, 1821, m. Cyrus Keene of Peru; Francis, Jr., b. Nov. 21, 1823; Diana S., b. Nov. 6, 1825, d. May 16, 1838, ac. 12½ yrs.; Lodicia H., b. Feb. 28, 1828, m. Sept. 2, 1855, E. Warren Smith, Boston; Lydia S., b. Feb. 24, 1830, m. John Lara in Peru, died Aug. 10, 1868 in Boston, left two sons, last known in Canada: James, b. May 29, 1833, Recruiting Officer U. S. service, d. East

Boston, July 1, 1865; Druzilla J., b. May 29, 1833, single. Residence, 97 Trenlin St., E. Boston; Charles Henry, b. Oct. 7, 1835. Francis, the parent, died East Boston, Oct. 6, 1864, *ae.* 74 yrs. This man first settled at E. Peru. His farm adjoined the Deshon farm on the north. Eleven children were born here. The widow, Lydia S. Lunt, d. E. Boston, 1870. Chas. Henry Lunt m. Jane Cunningham of Montville, Me. Their son, Edward B., m. Clara Swift in Paris. They have a son. Residence of Chas. H. is Montville, Me.

Daniel Lunt, b. Feb. 17, 1815, son of Francis and Lydia Lunt, m. Jane Gardner of Buckfield in 1842 at her sister's in Newburgh, Me. Children:—Mary Jane, b. Newburg, Dec. 23, 1842, m. Oct. 21, 1897 in Hampden, James Lary, now in Bangor; Columbia G., b. in Newburgh, July 11, 1845, m. in Lynn, Mass., Apr. 17, 1871. Francis Sargent of Lynn; John G. Lunt, b. May 9, 1847, d. 1849. Jane, the wife of Daniel, d. Jan. 10, 1861. Daniel m. 2nd, Rhoda Staples of Hampden; had two children. Abbie J., b. Feb. 2, 1861, m. Elliott, had son. Elliott d. three years after marriage. Widow m. Joe Baker of Newburgh. James B. Lunt, b. Aug. 18, 1863, m. Miss Maloney. Residence, Portland. Daniel Lunt, the parent, d. in Newburgh, Nov. 8, 1867.

Bartholomew, the son of Daniel by 2nd wife, m. Huldah Jepson and had three children. Geo., d. at Westbrook, m. and his children went West; Mary, m. Allen Hamlin and they went West; William, b. Mar. 5, 1825 in Berwick, Me., m. Miria C. Celley. He d. Apr. 16, 1900 in Farmington. Wife d. July 9, 1902, *ae.* 77 yrs. Three children:—Fred, b. Sept. 16, 1856. Residence, Farmington, m. Villa Berry; George, b. July 4, 1860, m. Addie Hosmer of Farmington, they have three children; Oscar H., b. May 29, 1866, m. Lilla M. Locke of Farmington, have dau., Maude.

Robert B. Lunt, m. Aug. 18, 1850, Celia B., b. Wayne, dau. of Nathaniel and Olevia (Walton) Atkins. Robert B. died on home farm in Peru, Sept. 8, 1888. Children:—Herbert H., b. Nov. 5, 1853, m. Nov. 5, 1880, Naomi V. Taylor of Canton. Their son, Leo W., was b. Mar. 2, 1891; Willis A., b. Dec. 8, 1856, d. unmarried, Sept. 30, 1882; Addie May, b. Feb. 21, 1861, m. 1892, Herbert Jordan, divorced 1901. Their children are:—Wm. L., b. Feb. 6, 1895; Morris A., b. April 1901; Cora Emma Lunt, b. April 19, 1865, m. George W. Crockett. Residence, Dixfield. They have son, Arthur W.

John S. Lunt m. July 20, 1851, Elvira P., b. Peru, Aug. 25, 1822, dau. of Trueworthy and Priscilla (Royal) Thurston. John

S. Lunt was Pvt., Co. C, 56 Mass. Inf., Vols., War of 1861. Children:—Priscilla, Clara A., b. March 6, 1853, m. Frank E. Kidder, son of John, of Dixfield, b. Apr. 12, 1851, d. Peru, Sept. 28, 1891. Their children are:—Bert C. and Mary H.; George W. Lunt, b. Oct. 20, 1854, d. Jan. 31, 1863; Rose S., b. Aug. 16, 1856, m. Mar. 2, 1878, Joseph P. Blackwell. Residence, Livermore Falls. Their children:—John L., Elvira P., Lilla S. twin of Rose S., d. July 12, 1862, Emily F., b. Nov. 23, 1857, m. Henry F. Whittemore. Child:—Leon K. Residence, Livermore Falls. John Franz S., b. July 22, 1861, d. Mar. 23, 1890. Ulysses G., b. during war; his father named him while in the army. John S. Lunt d. in Dixfield, Oct. 2, 1881, a zealous Christian. While wasting with tubercular consumption, his soul expanded to higher life, enjoying seasons of refreshing grace of God, as members of the family led by the organ, rendered a familiar hymn. This was a Christian family. Elvira P. Lunt d. Dec. 8, 1900 in Peru. Ulysses G. m. Lizzie L. Soper, widow.

Eunice Lunt, b. Oct. 23, 1821, d. Aug. 18, 1803, m. around 1842, Cyrus A. Keene, a brother of Lucius Keene, in Peru. They lived on what is a part of the Wm. Gillespie farm. Children:—Geo. W., b. Nov. 18, 1843, d. Mar. 15, 1846; Alpha L., b. Aug. 27, 1845, d. Aug. 6, 1872, at East Boston; John S., res. Waltham, b. Mar. 13, 1848, m. Ruth Tilton of Lowell, Mass., had child, Minnie V., b. Dec. 21, 1879; Ella G., b. June 10, 1851, residence in Somerville; Cora E., b. July 29, 1854, d. Mar. 4, 1906, South Paris. Parent Cyrus d. Aug. 6, 1854. Widow m. 2nd, Apr. 4, 1857, Llewellyn Wing of Wayne. Residence, in Paris. Born Nov. 17, 1819, d. Oct. 21, 1881. Children:—Rossie H., b. Aug. 27, 1859, m. Sept. 17, 1884, Isaac J. Monk. Two children:—Alfred G., b. Aug. 8, 1885, Merle J., b. Aug. 30, 1892; Jennie C., b. Mar. 21, 1861, m. Aug. 20, 1879, Geo. M. Giles. Two children:—Addie L., b. July 16, 1883; Charlotte W., b. July 9, 1886. This family reside at South Paris, Me.; Grant S. Wing, b. Apr. 12, 1865, d. May 24, 1883.

Francis Lunt, Jr., b. Nov. 21, 1823, m. Ann Jennison, Waltham. He d. 1900. Children of Lodicia H. and E. Warren Smith:—Warren C. B., b. Oct. 10, 1857, d. Dec. 6, 1857; John C. Bradford Smith, m. Oct. 3, 1883, Ida A., dau. of Geo. F. Blood; no issue. E. Warren Smith d. Address of above is in winter, Hotel Bartol, Boston, Mass. The rest of year, Salem Willows, Mass.

Geo. W. Lunt, the 2nd son of Capt. Daniel, by 2nd wife, m. 1st around 1823, Harriet Bacon, b. Falmouth. Children:—Mary Ann, b. Feb. 7, 1824, d. May 6, 1851; Zelia Augusta, b. May 13, 1825,

d. Sept. 30, 1899. Wife Harriet d. 1858. Marriages:—Mary A. m. Henry B. Walker, had a son who d. young; Zelia A. m. Henry B. Walker, had five children. Calvin S., b. Sept. 28, 1855, d. Jan. 8, 1898, unmarried; Edward S., b. Aug. 12, 1857, m. Mary J. Hawkes, Westbrook; Henry P., b. Nov. 17, 1859, m. Nettie Roberts, Westbrook. Husband d. Oct. 25, 1907. Have one child, Marion; Chas. B., b. Jan. 6, 1864; Ernest, b. Apr. 17, 1866, both drowned in Presumpscott river, Mar. 30, 1872. Edward S. Walker, farmer and cattle dealer, Westbrook. Burial of Geo. W. Lunt, on last named Walker's farm. Henry P. Walker was a member of the customs house, Portland, Me. Writer has his letter to J. F. Hall saying, "We have some papers and writings of Capt. Daniel Lunt; and a history of Westbrook published in a local paper some 10 years ago. It contained several extracts from his records that are interesting. One is an invitation to Capt. Daniel Lunt to attend a dinner party, signed by Geo. Washington." Geo. W. Lunt m. 2nd in Peru, Mar. 13, 1862, Deborah H. Hall, widow of Elbridge Hall. They parted in a few years.

### Lovejoy Family

The Lovejoys of Wayne and Fayette descended from John Lovejoy of Andover, Mass., one of the first freeholders of the State. His great grandsons, Hezekiah and Francis, moved to Amherst, N. H., where the former reared a family of eight children. The oldest was Lieut. John Lovejoy, who moved to Wayne in 1795. Francis moved to Albion, where were born his famous grandsons, Elijah P. and Owen Lovejoy. The former lost his life while defending the cause of anti-slavery at Alton, Ill. Owen Lovejoy championed the same cause in Congress with eloquence, during the days when an abolitionist was almost an outlaw.

Hezekiah and son John served faithfully and with honor in the Revolutionary army. Their fortunes were lost in the vicissitudes of war, and the financial stress following, leading them to emigrate to Maine and begin anew. Capt. Hezekiah prospected in the vicinity of Wayne and soon after Lieut. John Lovejoy with his wife Martha Odell and eight children moved from Amherst, N. H. to Fayette, Me., making the journey of 200 miles in an oxcart, where he bought a tract of land containing 200 acres. The oldest son, John, Jr., m. one of the Jennings family. Our enterprising fellow townsman came of this race of Lovejoys. We regret that we are unable to trace his lineage direct. Some one of the Johns was his

uncle. Benjamin Lovejoy was one of the municipal officers of the town off and on many years. He possessed sound judgment and keen penetration, was smart and sharp in a trade but honest and honorable. He died in Second Advent faith. At his request Rev. Edward Haggett of Livermore preached his funeral sermon.

Capt. Hezekiah's signature is affixed to various papers on church and state matters. He was several times on the committee to procure soldiers for the Continental Army, and was chosen on the committee of safety from 1777 to 1781, also a committee to examine the Constitution of the State and to approve and adopt a new one. Records show the early Lovejoys of this race to have been men of ability, integrity and wisdom to whom the people in trying times confided the interests of church, colony and country.

Among the earliest pioneers of Lovejoys from Wayne and Fayette was the family of Hezekiah and Hannah (Atkins) Lovejoy. Hezekiah, b. Mar. 18, 1777, m. Jan. 1794, Hannah Atkins, b. Mar. 10, 1773, d. Feb. 8, 1849. Family moved to Franklin Plan. 1818 and to Peru 1835. Children:—Hannah, b. June 16, 1794, d. Feb. 3, 1849; Lydia, b. June 19, 1796; Eliza, b. Apr. 14, 1798, m. Paul Hammon, d. Dec. 18, 1882; Rollins, b. Oct. 4, 1800; Benjamin, b. May 5, 1804 in Fayette, Me.; Sally R., b. Nov. 24, 1807, m. Daniel Hall from Rumford; Odell, b. Dec. 13, 1809, m. Rosella Pillsbury, Sumner; Celia A., b. Aug. 1, 1812, m. Joseph Hutchinson, d. May 26, 1845. Benjamin Lovejoy b. in Fayette, Me., May 5, 1804, was a prominent man in town nearly half a century. His leading occupation was farmer, located on Lovejoy Hill, big enough for a mountain, and part of the range extending to Franklin in its day. He raised up a family of seven children, hired much farm help, and filled large barns with hay cut with the hand scythe. He farmed under the old methods, and except during the war and a few years after, farm products were low; yet he made farming pay. He accumulated from products of farm and left to be divided among his heirs living at his death, Jan. 5, 1878, more dollars than any other farmer ever obtained by same means in Peru. The most liberal estimate of his property, it has been said, would not have exceeded ten thousand dollars, a sum less than a fourth of it.

### Benjamin Lovejoy

Benjamin Lovejoy m. Dec. 1, 1827, Mary H., b. Monmouth, sister of Demus and dau. of Jesse Bishop. Wife d. Feb. 17, 1890, in 86th year. Children:—Hannah B. Lovejoy, b. June 1, 1828.

m. Demus F. Bishop; Elias Hutchins, b. Feb. 27, 1830; Isabel B., b. Oct. 17, 1831, m. Frederick A. Bastow, son of Robert; Lucy B., b. Oct. 6, 1833, m. Henry Rowe; Benjamin Melvin, b. Mar. 31, 1835, did not marry; George Hopkins, b. Aug. 15, 1837, d. Sept. 10, 1872; Joseph Hutchinson, b. July 30, 1841, m. Ellen Keene. Elias H. Lovejoy m. 1st, Jan. 28, 1855, Caroline, b. May 8, 1830, d. Feb. 3, 1882, dau. of Capt. Elhanan W. Ford of Dickvale. Children:—Benjamin, b. m. Jan. 29, 1884, Ada B., dau. of Jacob B. Peavy of Dickvale, no issue. Residence, Rd. Falls. In grocery store; Elias H., Jr., b. Dec. 23, 1869, m. Dec. 19, 1888, Jennie, dau. of Almon Farrar; Carrie, b. Mar. 5, 1872, d. Jan. 14, 1881. Residence of Elias H., Jr., Dickvale. Elias H. m. 2nd, Apr. 24, 1884, Emily W., dau. of Addison Lane of Melrose, Mass. Their son Fred, was living at Dickvale. Wife Emily W. d. June 28, 1891, ae. 47 yrs. Mr. Lovejoy m. 3d, Dec. 27, 1891, Julia A. Farnham, widow. He d. Dec. 17, 1892. The subject of this sketch was an able business man, a farmer and drover, of gentle and pleasing disposition, a good neighbor and highly esteemed by all.

Joseph H. Lovejoy m. Pub., Oct. 20, 1863, Ellen, b. Abington, Jan. 20, 1846, dau. of Lucius Keene, b. Sumner and Abbie Rowe, b. Hebron. Wife d. Aug. 15, 1903. Children:—Lucius, b. Dec. 17, 1868, m. Addie E., dau. of Milo Morrill. They have son, Alton L.; J. Alton, b. Sept. 9, 1875, d. Aug. 19, 1885. Mr. Lovejoy and son are forehanded farmers on the old homestead. They do quite extensive fruit growing and stock raising with other lines of farming. The head of this family has served on jury and would be prominent in town affairs, but for his choice of home life exclusively. Geo. Hopkins Lovejoy, b. Aug. 15, 1837, m. May 22, 1865, Sarah A. Hammon, widow of Elisha Benson Hammon. He d. in Peru on a visit, Sept. 10, 1872. Wife d. at North Monmouth. Buried at E. Livermore. Their children:—Mary Jennett, b. July 3, 1866, did not m., d. in Auburn; Frederick B., b. Apr. 5, 1868, d. Apr. 1, 1870; Edna, b. around 1870, m.

Azel Lovejoy was a brother of Hezekiah. He married Mercy Wing, sister to Stephen and Reuben Wing. Their sons were Jacob, b. 1827 and Azel, Jr. They were talented, born with ambition to fill a higher sphere than tillers of earth. There crops out the genius of progenitors, generations before. Jacob was bereft of his home by death and went to live with his aunt, Sarah R., wife of school, these sons were noted for scholarly attainments and oratorical proclivities early in their teens. Jacob Lovejoy, b. 1827, d. at Bangor, Feb. 27, 1863. He chose law for his profession, was in

practice at Bangor several years. He read law for hard study and wrote poetry for recreation. He was another of Peru's talented young men who struggled against poverty and worked his way up unaided to eminence in profession. He became an able jurist in the few years of his profession. He m. Sept. 2, 1852, Sally W., b. Jan. 2, 1829, dau. of James Lunt. Wife d. May 5, 1866. Child Jacob, Jr., d. June 30, 1863, ae. 10 mos. Of three daughters, Myrth d., interred E. Peru, in family lot. Others were Mrs. Harriet Grieves, Peterboro, N. H. and Mrs. Cora Berry, Foxboro, Mass. All we can learn of Azel, Jr., he left town and became a Free Baptist minister.

The long line and numerous branches of this race of Lovejoys are descendants of the Lovejoys mentioned in Fayette and Wayne. We trace one branch of those of Peru and Franklin to one Jacob Lovejoy, who m. Mehitable Wing, a sister to Stephen Wing. Children:—Reuben, Ezekiel, Christopher, Gardner, Lydia, Charlotte. Reuben, the oldest son, m. Apr. 11, 1822, Martha Redin. Ezekiel m. 1st, Mar. 1, 1832, Lucretia or Lucinda Dorr, then spelled Door. Children:—Charles H., Jacob, Clarinda. Wife d. He m. 2nd, Jane Hopkins. Wife d. He m. 3d in 1842-3, Mary Elizabeth, dau. of Wheeler and Nancy Tracy. Child:—Orill E., b. Aug. 18, 1845. Ezekiel enlisted in the Mexican War 1845, the last known of him. His last wife d. April 15, 1850, ae. 25 yrs. Christopher F., m. Dec. 31, 1840, Betsey, dau. of Seth Burgess. Charles H. m. May 5, 1858, Deborah H., dau. of John Burgess. Children:—Ora Alluras, b. Feb. 11, 1859; Roscoe L., b. Feb. 28, 1860; Savilla Maria, b. Mar. 25, 1868.

Gardner Lovejoy b. around 1809, d. Mar. 23, 1899, m. 1st, Sally, b. around 1812, d. 1834, dau. of Samuel Burgess, by his first wife. Children:—Samuel, b. Oct. 3, 1828, d. Sept. 16, 1901, m. Sarah, dau. of Brackett Wyman of Temple; Mehitable, b. Mar. 15, 1830, m. Daniel F. Haines. Gardner Lovejoy m. 2nd, Laoma b. Aug. 23, 1816, d. July 11, 1862, dau. of Seth Burgess. Children:—Juliette, b. Dec. 8, 1843, m. Benj. Lord, Apr. 16, 1850; Ann; Louise T., b. Mar. 23, 1851. Gardner Lovejoy was mustered U. S. service Sept. 1861, Co. D, 12th Me., discharged for disability 1863. His wife having died pending service, he m. 3d, Aug. 15, 1864, Cordelia B., b. May 1835, d. July 31, 1900, dau. of Stephen L. Wing. He d. March 23, 1899, at his small cabin adjoining the Otis Wyman farm. Children of Samuel and Sarah (Wyman) Lovejoy:—Emma S., m. Henry Roscoe Burgess; Cora E., m. Oscar Frost; Rose, m. Chas. Leavitt; Nellie B., m. Charles

N. Child; Melvin, m. Florence M. Frost, had son William. Wife d. He m. 2nd, Effie, dau. of Charles F. Haines, son of Edward W.

### Levi Ludden

Considerable space is allotted to this family, among the first settlers of West Peru. Capt. Levi Ludden, b. 1777, d. at Dixfield around 1854, came from Turner, first on record of Peru, Mar. 2 and Apr. 6, 1818. He and wife Phebe, and four children all except Timothy, were in town in 1821. Child, Wm. S., b. July 23, 1800, m. Apr. 22, 1822, Mary S. Berry of Buckfield. He d. on the Noah Hall place, Apr. 30, 1852. Their offspring were:—Remember Saul, b. Aug. 18, 1823, m. Jan. 1, 1845, John D. Fernald; Phebe S., b. July 31, 1828, m. Pub., Aug. 27, 1848, Angier J. Mitchell of Peru, moved to Dixfield; Lucy J., b. Nov. 4, 1830, d. Oct. 27, 1833; Lydia J., b. May 21, 1832, m. Sept. 23, 1854, Mr. Record; Florilla W., b. Dec. 8, 1834, m. Noah Hall. Sarah, the second child of Levi, was b. Feb. 2, 1805, m. Mar. 19, 1820, Silas Putnam from Sutton, Mass., probably a brother to Stephen Putnam, the grist mill owner at West Peru. Remember S. Ludden, the fourth child of Levi, b. Aug. 27, 1809, m. Wm. Mitchell of Dixfield. Lydia, the fifth and last, m. Wm. Tucker. Children of Timothy and Bethiah (Fobes) Ludden were:—Levi, b. Mar. 21, 1833, left town when young; Delphan V., b. Sept. 16, 1835, m. Levi C. Hamblin, d. Feb. 12, 1881. Capt. Ludden's 1st wife died, he m. 2nd, widow Sheffield, the mother of Daniel Sheffield. He lived with her and died at Dixfield Vill. Timothy Ludden built the farm buildings and first settled on Daniel Fletcher farm, probably about the time of his first marriage to Bethia Fobes, Apr. 10, 1831. He was then about 25 yrs. of age. He was the second son of Levi and Phebe Ludden.

Another branch of the Ludden family now represented in Peru, descended from Jacob Ludden, a brother to Levi, who moved from Turner to Canton in 1817 and settled. His son John S., born in 1805, m. Ann Treat of Canton. They lived and died in Dixfield and had three children. One of them, John M., m. Elevene J. Carver, 1st wife. Their children are:—Chas. M., Forest E. and Wm. E., all lawyers, two in Boston, one in Lewiston. Mrs. John M. Ludden died. Mr. Ludden m. 2nd, Josephine S. Stowell, widow. They reside on the Levi Lunt farm. Mr. Ludden is an upright, highly respected citizen. Mrs. Ludden's children by Stowell are:—Herbert S., Porter and Helen J. The dau. m. Lovewell Oldham.

## Libby

Linus A., son of Geo. H. Libby, m. Apr. 14, 1911, Nellie M. McIntire, divorced, dau. of John A. Putnam, both of Peru.

## Peter Morrill

Peter Morrill, b. in Falmouth, Mar. 4, 1800, d. May 4, 1875 in Sumner. He was the son of Enoch and Thankful (Wilson) Morrill. Peter m. 1st, Sally Ford in Sumner and had two children, Wilson Morrill, b. Aug. 17, 1824, and went West around 1855. Thankful, b. Aug. 5, 1830 in Sumner. This family moved to Peru in 1831 where wife d., Dec. 1832. Mr. Morrill followed the trade of carpenter, and was school teacher many years. He lived on the Adam Knight farm. He m. 2nd, Apr. 1, 1835, Priscilla, dau. of Wm. Walton, by 1st wife, Lucy. They had son, Wm. Horace, b. Sept. 11, 1837, d. 1903. They moved to Westbrook in 1844, where last wife died, ae. 71 yrs., in 1866. Mr. Morrill removed to Sumner soon after her death. Thankful Morrill m. Apr. 22, 1849, John Fessenden of Portland, b. Jan. 24, 1827, son of John and Betty Crockett, the former b. in Lexington, Mass., and the latter b. in Cape Elizabeth. Children:—Francis H., b. and d. in Portland, ae. about 1½ years.; John E., b. 1857, d. 1864 at Mechanic Falls; Lizzie M., b. July 11, 1862; John W., b. July 2, 1868; Emily C., b. July 3, 1870, all living b. at Mechanic Falls, where parents still reside. Mr. Fessenden, by trade, is a mason. He is past 83 yrs. old, smart and spry. Wife in her 80th year, still active at work. Both show old time vigor.

Wm. Horace Morrill, b. in Peru, m. Apr. 16, 1868, Ellen Berry of Mechanic Falls. Wife d. at Westbrook, Apr. 18, 1896 and husband d. there seven years after. Children:—Carrie, b. Sumner, Oct. 16, 1869, d. Haverhill, Mass., 1878; Millie, b. Sumner, Nov. 20, 1872, d. Haverhill, 1873. Wilson Morrill m. 1st, Oct. 1850, Mary E. Moody of Mechanic Falls. Their son, Melville W., was b. Mar. 1, 1852. Wife d. Oct. 1853. Mr. Morrill went West in 1854 or 1855. No knowledge of second marriage. He m. third wife in 1858. The son, Melville W., m. Oct. 22, 1881, Etta F. Hanson of Mechanic Falls. Children:—Herman M., b. Dec. 12, 1883; Ralph H., b. July 19, 1886, both bookkeepers. Mother d. Apr. 10, 1890. Marriage of Fessenden children:—Lizzie M. m. E. H. Holbrook, farmer at Mechanic Falls; John W. m. Nellie G. Grant in Mechanic Falls. Occupation, painter and paper hanger. Two sons living; Emily C. m. Frank A. Herrick in Mechanic Falls.

He is paper finisher. One son. Melville Morrill m. 2nd, Mar. 27, 1910, Alice Tinkham of Mechanic Falls. Seven sons and two daughters of Wilson Morrill are m. and have generally large families of children living in Nebraska and Wisconsin. Want of space forbids further mention.

### Volentine Mathews

Another soldier who did service in 1812-14 war and who sleeps in Franklin Cemetery was Volentine Mathews, b. in 1790, in what is now Sumner. He went from there or from Paris to seat of war. Tradition says he was in service with John Tuft, who, it is known, was in the engagement at battle of Champlain, land forces, under McCoon. Mathews returned to Sumner and thence to Franklin in 1826, when his son Winthrop was three years old. Volentine Mathews m. Nancy Moore, a sister to John Moore, one of the first settlers in the vicinity of Worthly Pond and the father of Mr. Nahum Moore, conductor on P. & R. F. Ry. Winthrop Mathews, b. July 26, 1823, d. Sept. 19, 1895, m. Cordelia P. Weaver, prosperous farmers in Franklin Plantation, now annex to Peru. This man was styled Franklin's lawyer. The trend of his mind partook of judicial type. He was high minded and possessed good judgment. Children:—Arabella, b. May 26, 1849, d. Dec. 4, 1853; Arabella L., b. 1855, d. 1859; Chas. W., b. 1857, d. 1861; Ellsworth, b. 1861, d. 1865; Chas. L., b. Oct. 8, 1859, m. Feb. 6, 1879, Rose, dau. of Chas. W. Child. She was b. Dec. 18, 1858, d. Apr. 25, 1898. He m. 2nd, Dec. 25, 1905, Eva A. Dorr, dau. of Cyrus Dorr. Chas. L. Mathews is a shrewd, industrious farmer on his father's old farm. Other sisters of his father's family are Georgianna, who m. Seth Abbott in Rumford; Eveline, m. Farnum Elliott, Rumford, d. 1905; Adelpha, m. Chas. Farnum. Residence, Rumford.

### Morrill

Milo G. Morrill, b. in Canada, May 25, 1847, m. Elnora Jackson. They are well to do farmers on the Mineral Spring Road; does a flourishing business dairying and butcher. Children:—Ernest Lee, b. Feb. 18, 1869; Manley Gibbs, b. Apr. 20, 1871; Alma E., b. Feb. 6, 1877, d. Aug. 4, 1894; Fred G., m. Lucy F., dau. of Nathan Harlow; Addie E., m. Lucius H. Lovejoy, have a son b. April 5, 1909. Lauriston R., farmer and butcher on home farm; Ernest L., overseer cotton mill, Saco; Manley G., overseer cotton mill, Conn.; Fred G., overseer cotton mill, Norwich, Conn.

## Andrew Martin

The family of Andrew Martin, b. in France, 1789, d. in Peru, Jan. 9, 1863, and Maria (Bard) Martin, b. in Germany, 1791, d. in Peru, Oct. 15, 1885, came to town in late forties and with them two sons, Xaveri, b. 1826 in France, and John, a few years younger. They located on High street and did some farming. He had a basket fitted to his back like a pack peddler, in which he carried a bushel of corn to mill, and gathered potatoes and other crops on the farm. He evidently worked that way in his native land, had learned to do without a horse.

Xaveri m. Dec. 3, 1848, Sarah Jane, dau. of Eli Knox. He served in 10th and 29th Me. Regts., three years and four months in all, entering the service Oct. 4, 1861, Pvt., Co. H. He d. May 16, 1901 at his home, West Peru Vill. His wife is still living, a pensioner, at their home. Children:—Julia Ann, b. July 1, 1849, d. Dec. 29, 1850; John A., b. Jan. 5, 1852, not m., residence Rockland, Mass.; Mary Ella, b. Jan. 17, 1856, m. Sumner N. Knox, residence West Peru Vill.; Chas. Albion, b. Apr. 2, 1858, m. 1881, Rose M. Jackson; Lydia J., b. July 3, 1860, d. 1880; Nancy, b. Dec. 7, 1866, m. Jan. 10, 1882, Maurice McIntire, Dixfield; Lucy D., b. Dec. 9, 1867, m. May 8, 1890, Everett F. Gould of Dixfield. Children of McIntire:—David Adelbert, Ina Alice, John Alfred, Maurice M. Children of Martin:—Charlena, b. 1881, d. 1907; Mildred M.; Charles Leston. Residence, Brockton, Mass. John Martin m. Pub., Feb. 8, 1856, Katherine, dau. of Samuel Hammon, of Peru. Soon after marriage they located in Winthrop. It is reported that he d. years ago.

## Henry S. McIntire

Henry S. McIntire, b. Cumberland, June 16, 1824, son of Benj. McIntire and Maria Prince, d. in Peru Feb. 7, 1893, m. Mar. 16, 1850, Betsey, dau. of Samuel L. Bailey in Peru, b. Dec. 20, 1823, d. Mar. 26, 1904. Mr. McIntire was a farmer located in the valley northwest of the old Grover farm on High street. He led an active life; was a servant to the people quite an amount in nursing and caring for the sick. He responded promptly to call for volunteers in war of 1861, entering service, Co. G, 1st Me. Cav., Oct., 1861. He was quite prominent in town affairs. In 1880 he represented Peru in Legislature. Later he was a member of the Board of Selectmen several terms. He made some mistakes as many of us have done. Writer associated with him much the last years of his life, and believes he felt the need and had a desire for a

higher life. The blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin if we accept of Him as our Saviour. Children:—Chas. W. Irving, b. Apr. 27, 1851. Farmer. Residence, Webster, Nebraska; Susan Ellen, b. Sept. 25, 1853, m. Apr. 22, 1877, Stillman P. Hersey in Auburn or Turner; Wm. P. F., b. July 3, 1856, d. Sept. 27, 1858; Wm. P. F., b. Dec. 2, 1858. Keeps restaurant in Dakota. Stillman H., b. Aug. 25, 1861, lives on home farm, unmarried. Hunter and trapper. Ulysses Grant, b. Mar. 16, 1864. Ambrose Everett Burnside, b. Jan. 21, 1867.

David C. McIntire, the old singing school master, a brother of Henry S., is known in town. He had classes here in 1902-3. He m., in 1892, Lena E., dau. of Valmore Dunn. Their sister, Lucy McIntire, m. Benj. Lunt, lived in Falmouth. Their son, Daniel Lunt, the popular school teacher here several terms, m. Minne E. Dunn, a sister to Lena. Peru supplied the McIntire family pretty well with wives, and not all told yet. Pity they can't all stick. Whose fault is it? When fire water is on top, the wife and children come to grief. The insidious foe, the rumseller, in league with his satanic majesty, is stalking abroad seeking whom he may devour. It finds its victims usually on the male side of peaceful, happy homes. The lord of his home thinks he can drink fire water or he can let it alone. He glories in his independence, while he reckons with an invincible foe. The fine web of sophistry that lures him on is soon transformed to a craving appetite, with fetters that will not break, and our hero becomes a slave to passion, the happy home is broken up, wife and children must go. Oh! the misery and anguish that men inflict upon themselves and their families, in opposition to their better judgment ere the depraved appetite is formed. Each home might become a paradise if in the hearts of its inmates Christ was formed their hope of glory.

Ulysses G. McIntire m. Dec. 25, 1888, Nellie M., dau. of John A. Putnam. Children:—Leon E., b. Sept. 24, 1890; Blanche, b. Oct. 13, 1894; Hazel M., b. Aug. 29, 1896; Harold, b. Aug. 21, 1898; Ralph, b. Aug. 17, 1902; Henry S., b. Jan. 26, 1904. Wife granted a bill of divorce, 1909. She and Oscar, her unmarried brother, share a quiet, peaceful home at the Capt. Ford Stand, formerly Dickvale, now West Peru R. F. D. No. 1.

Ambrose Burnside McIntire m. Flora E., dau. of Elmer W. Knox. Children:—Charlotte B., Mary E., Bernice M., Verna E., Betsey E. This family have carried on the Town Farm several years, and Mr. McIntire has served on the Board of Selectmen and Assessors. They have a quiet, happy home.

### Miller

James W. Miller, b. Halifax, m. Olive V. Norton, b. New Haven. Children:—Mabel L., ae. 22, m. May 16, 1907; Earl E., son of E. M. Howard; Pearl L., m. Aug. 23, 1909, Leon W. Child; Glenroy M., Evelyn C. Mr. Miller is a well-to-do farmer on the Samuel B. Knight farm and formerly the homestead of his father, Merrill Knight, the bear hunter, who reared four sons and two daughters in a log house on this farm, and all have passed beyond the vale.

### Morrill

Family of James and Sylvia (Rowe) Morrill. He d. 1870. Wife d. Jan. 8, 1909, ae. 93 years, 6 months, 19 days. Children:—Job R., m. Etta A., dau. of Thomas Wyman. Their son, James Calley, b. farmers, Franklin Annex. Abbie H., m. Chas. G. Irish; he d. Oct., 1896, on Morrill Farm. Their dau., Jennie R., m. Nov. 30, 1907, Elbridge G. Child. Simeon, m. Naomi A. Cone; farmer and truckman, Dickvale. Wife d. June 29, 1908. Son, Chas. W., is express messenger, Bangor.

### Lawson Marsh

The family of Lawson and Abigail Marsh lived on the farm of Wm. W. Gordon in 1840 to 1850. His wife was the dau. of Stephen Wing. Those remaining moved to Dixfield. Children:—Hiram, b. May 30, 1831; Wm. W., b. Nov. 6, 1832; Orlando, b. Oct. 26, 1835, went to California, m. around 1856, there when last known; Belzora, b. Dec. 19 1837, m. Nov. 24, 1859, John T. M. Leavitt in Dixfield; Martha Ann, b. Dec. 1, 1838. The above Leavitt died. Belzora m. (2nd) ———. Next Belzora d. and Martha m. the widowed husband of Belzora, name unknown to writer. Emily J., b. Oct. 19, 1843, m. Mont Babb in Mexico; Andrew L., b. July 1, 1846; Lawson L., b. Dec. 12, 1851.

### Nathaniel Maybury

Nathaniel and Aurile (Stockbridge) Mabury were located on the river farm, subsequently the Wm. Bowers Walton farm. The territory is now occupied by a portion of the manufacturing and industrial section of Rd. Falls. Children:—Wm. J., b. Mar. 27, 1858. A second son, unknown. Mr. Maybury did some farming, some trucking and trafficking. He was a kind, obliging neighbor, social and genial. He removed, in the sixties or later, a few miles below North Turner toll bridge, on the west bank of the Androscoggin, where he operated a ferry. He d. there.

### Ashby Moody

Ashby Moody and wife, Polly, dau. of Abial Lapham, came from Auburn in the forties and returned there in the sixties. His farm residence was on road from Ripley's mill to North Hartford, above the Packard, now Irving Dean farm. Children:—John C., m. June, 1861, Eliza Jane, dau. of Ebenezer Burgess. They had son, Edwin A., b. June, 1862. Wife d. 1865. Lydia M., m. Feb. 11, 1847, Lot Sampson in Hartford.

### Leonard H. Maxim

Peru's only resident regular M. D. was Leonard H. Maxim, a native of Wayne, a student at Kent's Hill, and a graduate at Bowdoin Medical College. He began practice at West Peru Vill. in late fifties. He showed skill in surgery and was quite successful in materia medica. He m. Mar. 18, 1863, Laura E., dau. of Luther Jackson by his first wife. Their son, Charles C., b. Oct. 18, 1861, d. Aug. 2, 1863. Wife d. Feb. 6, 1863, Ae. 20 years, 7 months. The doctor was popular as a citizen. He served the town as supervisor of schools in connection with his profession. He moved to Hartford and m. (2nd) Pub. Aug. 22, 1864, Harriet B. Thompson (widow), carrying on wife's farm, and in practice the remainder of life.

### David Morse

David Morse, b. June 7, 1805, m. at Otisfield, Me., Jan. 1, 1833, Sarah S. Morton, b. Mar. 28, 1813. Soon after their marriage they settled in Andover North Surplus, on a lot of wild land, and began to make them a home, making a clearing and erecting rude buildings. They continued there about thirty-five years, and had twelve children. Three were soldiers in war of '61. Of these, Charles P. Morse was a Corp. in Co. A, 12th Regt., Me. Vols. He was taken prisoner at battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864, was paroled, and arrived at Annapolis Hosp., and there granted a furlough to go to his home in Andover, where he arrived in November, 1864, sick with chronic diarrhoea and effects of confinement in rebel prison. His death followed in 18 days. The following are a part of the other children:—Frances L., b. May 3, 1843; Mathias M., b. Sept. 27, 1845; Jane M., b. Sept. 3, 1847; Ellen, b. Apr. 3, 1849; Louisa, b. July 5, 1851; Lizzie A., b. June 2, 1853; Frank W., b. Dec. 4, 1855. They sold farm and removed to Franklin Plantation about 1868, and from there to Peru, to a small place adjoining

the Ripley Knox farm, across the highway from Daniel Fletcher farm, in 1872. June 12, 1888, Mrs. Morse was granted a pension as dependent mother of Chas. P. She was then past 75 years old. She d. in Peru, Jan. 13, 1895, Ae. 83 years, 10 months. Their son, Frank W., m. June 25, 1886, Laura A., widow of Edwin Austin and dau. of Cyrus and Dorcas Burgess. They were successors on the farm.

### Mitchell

Peleg Mitchell, m. Caroline Bradford in Turner. They moved onto Robinson Turner farm adjoining Canton in spring of 1839. He bore the title of Capt. of State Militia. He enlisted Pvt., Co. D, 16th Me., Sept. 11, 1863, Ae. 44, d. in Hosp. at Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1863. Children:—Jenette L. b. in Buckfield, Mar. 10, 1823, m. Chas. F. Deshon; Harriet, m. Samuel S. Hall in Vermillion, LaSelle Co., Ill.; Wm., Jason, Silas.

### Newton

Prominent among the early settlers around Dixfield Common were Newton families. On the side of the mountain range known as "Burnt Hill," overlooking the Androscoggin, there stood the farm buildings of Abraham Newton. Here he lived, reared children and continued through life. He m. Lorinda, dau. of Levi Newton, who drove a truck team of four oxen, hauling goods from Hallowell several years. Their son, Walter Scott, was the first representative of this race, who settled in Peru soon after his marriage, locating at the Centre, near the meeting house. The other son, Abraham, Jr., settled at Canton. Their home was broken up by the death of parent Abraham around 1843 or 1844. Widow remarried, Bartholomew Conant, Apr., 1844, and the homestead was abandoned not long after. Abraham, Sr., was a brother to Estes Newton. His son, Orrison R., moved to Peru after close of war. Records show he joined the Baptist church there Aug. 19, 1876. Abraham, Jr., married, was Must. Co. C, 16th Me., Aug. 14, 1862, from Canton, taken prisoner July 1, 1863, ret. to Co.; discharged by order May 22, 1865.

Orrison Ripley Newton was b. in Dixfield around 1839. He enlisted Nov. 15, 1861, ae. 22 years, single, in Co. D, 12th Regt., Me. Vols., Pvt., and was honorably discharged. He m. in Dixfield, Sept. 26, 1865, Maria M., b. around 1841, widow of his brother, Geo. H. Newton. He d. in Peru, Nov. 30, 1879, at Centre, where he had worked a few years, a blacksmith giving general satisfac-

tion. Mrs. Newton had no issue by her first husband. Children:—Henry O., b. July 21, 1866, was a promising youth, learned trade of barber, working on Paris Hill, where he d. in his teens, of consumption; Elton S., b. Aug. 15, 1868; Lillian A., b. July 3, 1870, d. Mar. 13, 1879; Maurice A., b. Jan. 3, 1875. He is married; residence, Paris Hill, where he does job work, making a good living. O. R. Newton contracted disease in army that culminated his career. His widow was pensioned, continuing till her marriage, July 24, 1880, to Geo. W. Garland in Paris. They had one dau., now living. Garland d. July 4, 1897; widow remarried, May 4, 1901, Alvan M. Ryerson, an old soldier. He d. May 16, 1902, and widow was pensioned for last husband, and still living, at last accounts, at her Garland home, Paris Hill.

Elton S. Newton, son of Orrison R. and Maria M., b. in Peru, Aug. 15, 1868, m. Velma L., b. Sept. 8, 1869, dau. of Marcellus S. and Sarah W. Atkins. Children:—Kate Louise, ae. 17 years, m. Apr. 23, 1909, Walter J. L. Seavery of Auburn, ae. 17 years, a shoemaker. Born to wife, Aug. 4, 1909, a son. Elton S. Newton has been the leading blacksmith at West Peru about twenty years.

Walter Scott Newton, b. Sept. 8, 1837, m. in Peru, 1861, Abbie G., dau. of Winslow Walker. He enlisted, Aug. 14, 1862, in Co. C, 16th Me. Vols., was discharged for disability, Feb. 13, 1863. He d. at Peru Cent., Nov. 10, 1870. Widow remarried, Oct. 1, 1876, Samuel F. Robinson. She d. Oct. 16, 1880, at Peru Cent. Children:—Alfred Walter Newton, b. July 16, 1861; Fred Grant, b. May 5, 1864, m. Mar. 31, 1883, Matilda Corenna, dau. of A. K. Knight, had son, Roy. Wife left husband, got a bill of divorce, October, 1906; both remarried. Russell Andrew, b. Sept. 24, 1866, single, roving res. Winslow Perley, b. Sept. 29, 1868. Fannie Grace, b. Feb. 13, 1870, m. Nov. 10, 1889, Volentine C. Neal, in East Livermore. They are well-to-do farmers. No issue.

Alfred Walter Newton, m. May 11, 1895, Abbie A. Lewis, dau. of Arthur Lewis of Boothbay, Me. She was b. Jan. 19, 1870. Res., No. 12 Bearce St., Auburn, Me. Mr. Newton has been a workman in shoe shops in town several years. He is a man of good repute, a credit to his ancestry and nativity. He is employed in Field's shoe shop, 1910. This is a fine family and prosperous. Children:—Stella M., b. May 21, 1896; Harold W., b. Aug. 20, 1898; Lewis, b. May 18, 1901.

Winslow Perley Newton, m. Dec. 11, 1893, Bertha Rowe, b. in Maryland, Sept. 25, 1876, dau. of David M. Rowe. They are farm-

ers, in good health and prosperous. Children:—Alta G., b. Sept. 8, 1895; and David S., b. June 13, 1906; res., Tonica, Ill.; reputation good.

Fred Grant Newton remarried. Keeps a small stock of goods in trade at Dixfield Vill. Abbie G. Newton, mother of these sons, joined the Baptist church in March, 1866. Samuel F. Robinson was admitted to same church by letter, Apr. 14, 1877.

### Sumner R. Newell

Sumner R. Newell, b. Mar. 4, 1811, d. July 11, 1875 came from Sumner, m. Dec. 6, 1832, Mahala, b. July 16, 1809, d. Feb. 25, 1875, dau. of Wm. Walton by first wife. This family first located at East Peru Vill., on the south bank of Mill brook, being the outlet of Worthly pond, one mile west. This Vill. was then called Wormell's Mills. Family removed to Brody Bailey neighborhood, and located on a hill farm on road leading from "two mile tree" on "New County Road" to Bailey farm. Mr. Newell was farmer and school master many years. One of his qualifications was elegant penmanship. This secured for him in early seventies the office of register of deeds of the county, which he held till his death, on Paris Hill, where the court house then was. Children:—Sybil P., b. Nov. 22, 1833, m. Adrian Gammon; Sumner Edwin, b. June 27, 1835; Mahala Roseline, b. Apr. 22, 1837, m. Pub., Jan. 28, 1867, Virgil P. Richards of Roxbury, Me. Wife d. Feb. 18, 1901, in Gridley, Butte Co., Cal. Roscoe G. Newell, b. Mar. 27, 1840. He was a precocious youth, smart and active, above the average. He served in the 11th Regt. Mass. Vols., Co. I, in war of '61. He m. Pub., Dec. 4, 1864, Lucy A., dau. of Daniel W. Fobes. He d. Feb. 25, 1870, in Dover, Morris Co., N. J., where he was employed in a store. Irville Lesley, b. Mar. 14, 1843, d. Mar. 3, 1854; Wm. Walton, b. Feb. 9, 1845, d. Sept. 21, 1845; Flora Arabelle, b. Oct. 18, 1846, d. Dec. 13, 1858.

Roscoe G. Newell won the confidence and high esteem of his employer after a few years' service in his store. His employer was about to make him a partner of the firm, when he was stricken with a sudden attack of sickness that proved fatal in a short time.

Sumner Edwin, m. Mary Annette, dau. of Stephen D. Hutchinson, then a country storekeeper on Paris Hill and formerly Regr. of Deeds of Oxford Co. Mr. Newell was a partner in trade a term of years with his father-in-law, till his death, and since he is sole proprietor. He has one child, Mary A., the wife of Perley

F. Ripley. Sybil P. Gammon, the wife of Adrian, had a son, Leslie Gammon; husband d. in 1859; widow and son resided at Mechanic Falls a few years after the war, thence they went to California, where the son d. Widow remarried, Zeno Kelley, "widowed." He d. and his widow is living at Elmhurst, Cal., March, 1910.

### Gideon Norris

Gideon Norris came from Wayne, Me. He is mentioned as the first storekeeper at West Peru. He lived on the Ellsworth Demeritt place. He m. Mar. 22, 1832, Susan, the dau. of Eliphalet Tucker. Children:—Sarah, b. Aug. 30, 1832; Louisa V., b. July 22, 1834; Datus T., b. Oct. 12, 1836; Wm. B., b. Jan. 17, 1839; Joseph C., b. Nov. 23, 1840; Curvier Lyman, b. July 6, 1847; Adolphus G., b. June 18, 1849. Family moved out of town not long after.

### Oldham Families

Thaddeus Oldham, b. Mar. 9, 1790, Pembroke, Mass., d. Mar. 26, 1871, Peru; was a soldier in war of 1812-14, under Col. Danforth; was granted land warrant; m. Celia Ford, b. Apr. 25, 1791, d. June 20, 1872. Children:—Isaac, b. Dec. 20, 1809, d., single, in Caribou, Aroostook Co., Apr. 13, 1897; Sidney, b. July 1, 1811; Thaddeus, Jr., b. Nov. 25, 1812; Joanna F., b. Sept. 18, 1814, m. (1st) Chandler Russell, 1833, m. (2nd) Simeon Butler, Worcester, Mass., wife d. Mar. 10, 1880; Lucy, b. Dec. 15, 1818, d. Aug., 1899, m. David Kenney in Massachusetts; Louisa, b. Jan. 29, 1821, m. Heman B. Poland; Elias S., b. Nov. 28, 1823, d. Oct. 29, 1844, single; Betsey, b. Dec. 5, 1825, d. Dec. 2, 1899, m. Ebenezer Briggs in Sumner; Joanna, m. (1st) Pub., Nov. 17, 1833, Chandler Russell. Thaddeus Oldham is represented as a very strong and muscular man. At one time he attended a barn raising. As was the custom, the framework for one side was put together lying horizontal and raised a broadside at a time. The timbers were green and very heavy. The crew were few in number, but resolute. Everything believed to be ready, then came the command, "Every man to his post, pick her up." She arose slowly, and when at the right angle for tenon to enter mortice, it was found tenon was too big. What was to be done? Every one of the crew was seeming to lift and hold all he could. If one left his post to adjust the fitting, the heft would crush the rest, to all appearance. Finally our hero got his shoulder under the timber and told them to cut the timber to fit. It was declared he left foot prints on the timber.

Thaddeus Oldham was a noted bear hunter and trapper. He and his brother, Daniel, first emigrated from Pembroke, Mass., to Sumner around 1825. The foregoing children, except possibly Betsey, were born in Pembroke, Mass.; the latter perhaps in Sumner. For residence and children b. in Peru, see "Early Settlers on New County Road." Descendants:

Sidney Oldham, when about 20 years old, walked to Boston, hired out at \$12 per month, worked one year, and walked back to Peru. After a visit he walked to Fort Fairfield, returning in 1832. On Nov. 22, 1833, he m. Joanna Russell and began farming at Worthly pond in Peru.

They had eleven children, five of them living June 24, 1905, when Sidney d. at his daughter's, Mrs. Lucy M. Nason, Livermore Falls, ae. 94 years, less 7 days. His wife d. Dec. 25, 1886, ae. 63 years, 7½ months. Children:—Susan Fletcher Oldham, b. Sept. 5, 1834, m. Nov. 20, 1852, Isaac G. Whitman in Mexico; Cordaine, b. May 8, 1856, m. Sept. 9, 1854, David A. Corliss in Hartford; Joseph R., b. July 8, 1838, m. Pub., Aug. 5, 1860, Sarah T., dau. of Mark Stevens, Livermore; Sarah Thomas, b. Mar. 2, 1841, m. Jan. 29, 1859, Rev. J. H. Bartlett, pastor of F. B. church at Canton at one time. He held the funeral services of Sidney Oldham, and d. at Farmington, Oct., 1909, leaving widow, two sons and daughter.

Marion R., b. Apr. 11, 1842, d. May 10, 1855; Sidney Augustus, b. Apr. 12, 1844, d. Nov. 21, 1910, at Mrs. W. A. Nason's, of Brights disease. He cared for parents at E. Sumner 1865 till around 1900. Res., Livermore Falls. Charles, b. Jan. 8, 1846, m. Dec. 6, 1868, Eunice S. Russell; res., Canton; house carpenter. Stephen B., b. Sept. 9, 1848; res., California. Lucy M., m. W. A. Nason; res., Livermore Falls. Addie G., d. Mar. 28, 1877, ae. 14 years. Lillian, d. July 5, 1892, ae. 19 years, 2 months.

Descendants continued: Thaddeus, Jr., m. (1st) Susan Fletcher, d. July 29, 1852, Peru, dau. of Benj. Fletcher. Their children:—David Greene, b. Feb. 21, 1840; did not marry; lived on home farm; d. Feb. 24, 1901. Elias S., b. Aug. 10, 1846, living on home farm; bachelor; d. suddenly of heart trouble, Dec. 28, 1910. Mr. Oldham m. (2nd) July 26, 1855, Sarah P., dau. of Thomas Dyer and Hannah Parsons, b. Raymond. Their son, Lovell F., d. May 12, 1865, ae. 9 years. This family were professors of religion. Isaac Oldham was a professor, and, though not a licensed preacher, he conducted preaching service at the Pond school house considerable, before the war of '61. Thaddeus, Jr.,

d. Aug. 16, 1900. Wife d. Feb. 23, 1901. They were farmers, honest and upright.

Benj. Franklin, son of Thaddeus, b. Peru, June 17, 1828, in the log house on the "New County Road," on the pond side of the mountain, is the last surviving member of his father's family, a farmer. His residence for several years has been in Hartford. He is a professor of Christian religion and keeps up the family altar. Such instances are too few and far between, generally. Benj. Franklin Oldham m. Dec. 4, 1850, Sarah J., b. Sumner, Aug. 30, 1832, dau. of Freeman Irish. Children:—Simeon L. B., b. Dec. 4, 1852, m. Sept. 3, 1885, Ellen M. Hardison, farmers in Caribou, Aroostook Co., Me.; Joanna Frances B., b. Oct. 20, 1856, m. Aug. 31, 1878, Sanford P. Proctor in Worcester, Mass.; Samuel C., b. Oct. 7, 1862, m. Apr. 13, 1884, Hattie L. Johnson in Manchester, N. H.; Alonzo, b. Oct. 25, 1864, living with parents on farm and providing a home. John Oldham, son of Thaddeus, Sr., b. Jan. 27, 1830, d. Mar. 2, 1894, m. Pub., Aug. 26, 1854, Ellura M., dau. of John Howard of Peru. Mr. Oldham was in war of '61, Pvt., Co. H, 10th Me. He lived after the war and d. at Hartford Ctr., where his widow still resides, a pensioner. Children:—Harriet Eliza, b. July 6, 1855, m. James S. Widbur; Julia L., b. Apr. 29, 1859, d. 1862; Hosea Ballou, b. Mar. 27, 1832, d. single, Jan. 11, 1852; Lewis, b. Nov. 9, 1840, d. single. The last two are sons of Thaddeus, Sr.

Daniel Oldham, b. Pembroke, Mass., 1793, d. Peru, 1879. He was a soldier in war of 1812-14. He came from Pembroke to Buckfield, thence to Sumner, where seven children were born. He removed to Peru, March, 1830, and settled on the east side of Worthly pond, on the flat about half way or more up from junction of road, at the old Bartlett farm, now Hartwell Oldham's, to the head of the pond. He erected buildings and continued there through life, a farmer. His farm was at foot of mountain range and near "New County Road," leading to Sumner. On same road a Mr. Rice had located before him, on a part of the same lot, made a clearing, built a log house, and finally built the first frame house at Worthly pond. He sold the place to Ben. Fletcher before 1830. The two families were neighbors the rest of life, forty-nine years.

Daniel Oldham m., around 1814, Priscilla, dau. of John Keene of North Turner. Wife outlived husband several years. Children:—Annie, m. Frank Warren of Paris; had 4 children; they lived in pasture above Freeman Irish place; wife d., ae. 55 years. Daniel, Jr., b. 1815, d. Dec. 6, 1890; Axel, m. Priscilla, dau. of

Josiah Libby of North Turner, where wife d., ae. 75 years; Marinda, m. Oct. 27, 1842, Roswell Briggs, E. Sumner, both d.; Jonathan, b. 1821, d., single, Mar. 15, 1855; Peleg, b. Apr. 18, 1825; Hiram, b. around 1828; Columbus, b. Peru, Mar. 20, 1831. Axel Oldham m. (2nd) Oct. 31, 1867, Lydia A. Merrill; res., N. Turner.

Daniel Oldham, Jr., m. Pub., Oct. 7, 1854, Saphrona, dau. of Wm. Piper; wife d. Oct. 5, 1872, ae. 46 years. Children:—Daniel Wilson, b. July 24, 1865; Merritt Hartwell, b. Mar. 3, 1858; Thomas Clinton, b. July 2, 1867; wife, Saphrona, d. Oct. 5, 1872, ae. 46 years. Mr. Oldham m. (2nd) Sept. 13, 1873, Diantha M. Allen, "widow," of Rumford.

Peleg F. Oldham, b. Apr. 18, 1825, d. Feb. 9, 1911, m. Mar. 28, 1861, Mary J. Drake, "divorced," the dau. of Scammon Starbird and Hannah Tilson. Children:—Annie E., b. Dec., 1861, d. Oct. 26, 1892, wife of James Shannahan; Calista J., b. around 1862, m. Mar. 12, 1880, Ransom D. Wyman; he d.; she m. (2nd) Christopher Reed, now in Rumford. Minnie, m. Aug. 20, 1897, Frank M. Oliver in Canton; Jonathan, b. Jan. 5, 1868; John C., m. Aug. 25, 1902, Sophia A. Reed. Their children:—John Ralph, b. Nov. 9, 1902; Wilma R., b. Dec. 7, 1906; res., on home farm, on shore of Worthly pond, a very pretty place shown in cut No. 1. Just over this reference see white house peeping through the trees, the old school house, at the left. The high peak in the distance is "Tumble-down Dick," facing Dickvale. It is nearly three hundred feet perpendicular, to meadow at base; a mountain divide. Just beyond the schoolhouse, at right, is the cemetery where repose soldiers, three mentioned elsewhere, of 1812 war, and as many in war of '61: also rests the first settler on the farm adjoining (see house beyond, also a better view in another cut, designated Trask Farm). Here lived and died Leonard Trask. For a term of years, when standing back, to an observer he appeared a man without a head or neck. He is represented on another page. This digression will save further reference. Angie, dau. of Peleg, m. Isaac Farrington of Livermore; Emerson Oldham, m. Maud York, dau. of James P. York. Their dau., Angie M., b. June 14, 1907. This family are farmers on the John C. Wyman farm.

A mica mine was discovered here about ten years ago. This discovery, without testing the quality of the mica, was the means of selling the farm for \$3000 cash. The company who purchased the farm worked the mine several weeks and unearthed tons of mica, all dark, of variety of shades from black to light. They secured perhaps a ton and left more than taken, and the best was fit only

for scrap mica, used for axle grease. The receipts did not pay expense of working the mine. Price of farm returned to normal value.

Hiram Oldham, 2nd, m. Eleanor, b. Buckfield, Jan., 1829, dan. of Dea. Freeman Irish. He worked at trade of blacksmith many years; was a noted horseshoer at Worthly pond. Family lived on the Scammon Starbird place a term of years, where wife d. Sept. 3, 1893. Children:—Mary Ellen, b. Oct. 18, 1841, m. Rev. Free-land Starbird, Free Baptist. He was b. in Woodstock in 1842, served one and a half years as Pvt., Co. C, 23d Me., and Co. A, 29th Me. Mr. Starbird lived in Peru when he began his ministry. He was a fine singer and a good exhorter. Pastor of F. B. church at East Dixfield from middle eighties down. He sustained injury in army service, for which he was first pensioned in 1886. There were two daughters, very promising, in the family in 1888. Mr. Starbird's next charge was Farmington, where he passed to higher life, Jan., 1901, leaving a widow; Miss Mabel Starbird, a prominent musician of the village; a son, A. T. Starbird; and other children. Mrs. Starbird is one of Peru's noble daughters. Mr. Starbird was successful in his profession, and the family was highly esteemed by all. Edwin Oldham, b. Oct. 29, 1850, m. Mary Bosworth of Canton; they parted; he is quite an accomplished musician on violin; res., Bath, Me.; trade, carpenter.

Hiram Roello, b. Aug. 8, 1852, learned trade of blacksmith when a boy; he m. (1st) Mary Earl of Litchfield. Had a dau., Addie. They owned and lived on the Daniel Oldham, Jr., farm at Worthly pond in early eighties. Later they vacated the farm, and wife separated from husband, d. away after a term of years. Mr. Oldham m. (2nd), in late nineties, Nellie Kerby of Alton. They lived at Rd. Falls, where husband worked at his trade a few years; thence they went to care for his wife's parents on farm in Alton, Me. Francis Atwood, b. Mar. 18, 1854, m. Adelia Benson of Sumner; parted: both remarried. Francis A. resides in Webster. Freeman, b. Apr. 26, 1856, d. around eighty, unmarried. Cora Anna, b. Apr. 9, 1858, m. Edward B. Hutchins of Canton; had four children: res. was Avon; given in paper, 1910, East Brockton, Mass. Annie M., b. Nov. 2, 1867, m. Oct. 12, 1884, Sidney G. Wheelwright of East Dixfield, a musician and dealer in musical instruments. Benj. F., 2nd, b. 1865, m. May 17, 1888, Hester A. Randall; had son, Gerald. Family had lived in Auburn a dozen years. He worked at trade of blacksmith, being employed by Wade & Dunn-

ton. He d. there, June 27, 1910, of pneumonia. Charles is a blacksmith at East Dixfield.

Lillian, b. 1873, d. July 5, 1892; 1st, Freeman, d. Mar. 11, 1839, ae. 32 years, 11 months. Columbus, the last child of Daniel Oldham, Sr., m. Mar. 19, 1855, Sarah E., dau. of Leonard Trask; wife d. June 28, 1891, ae. 53 years, 9 months, 10 days. Children:—Eunice Trask, b. Sept. 6, 1855, m. Edgar M. Howard; Roswell B., b. Feb. 26, 1859, d. Feb. 3, 1887, m. Sept. 27, 1878, Abbie E. Milner; Susan L., b. Jan. 22, 1862, m. Frank Bean, Livermore Falls; have dau., Dellis. Geo. W., prosperous farmer at Worthly pond, m. May 20, 1905, Blanch J. Andrews, "widow"; Lovell F., m. Helen J. Stowell; Minnie M., d. Aug. 29, 1882, ae. 8 years, 10 months. Roswell B. Oldham left a son at Canton with mother.

Daniel Wilson Oldham, m. Mary R. Hopkins, "widow," dau. of Erastus Abbott; had dau., Bertha E., by Isaac Hopkins; m. Sylvester Searls in Wilton. No issue by last marriage.

Merritt Hartwell, m. (1st) Ella, dau. of Thomas Allen and Diantha Houston of Roxbury Houstons. Children:—Jennie, d., ae. 1 year, 11 months; Clarence H., m. Josie Conant, adopted dau. of Joseph Conant; res., Ridlonville. Frank Albert, m. Maud Tribou of Bangor; Harry Chester; wife, Ella, d. Mr. Oldham m. (2nd) Aug., 1894, Della McGraw, "divorced," dau. of Ezekiel Poland. Children:—Emma, d., ae. 10 months; Zephyr M.; Maurice B., b. 1899; Marjorie, b. 1906.

Thomas Clinton Oldham, m. Edith, dau. of Homer Child; res., Smithville, Rumford. Mr. Oldham is an operative in the mills at Rumford.

## Putnam

John A. Putnam, m. Clarinda, b. Canton, Jan., 1829, dau. of Granville Child. Mr. Putnam, b. 1821, d. Sept. 25, 1866. His wife d. May 22, 1888. Children:—James L., b. around 1848, d. May 18, 1858; Clara J., b. 1852, d. Oct. 22, 1858; Adrian C., b. around 1856, d. June 16, 1890; Lewis C., b. Franklin, June 16, 1858, d. June 18, 1899; Joseph A., b. July 21, 1865, m. July 21, 1889; Annie M., dau. of Lorenzo D. Delano; John A., Jr., m. Pub., Mar. 12, 1870, Melissa G., dau. of Alpheus Burgess. John A. Putnam was a soldier, ae. 42 years, Pvt., Co. E, 10th Regt., Me. Vols., dis. for disability Mar. 9, 1864. Rev. Lewis C., m. 1880, Ida, b. 1862, dau. of Chas. Bisbee, Jr. Children:—Edward Everett, b. 1883, m. Feb. 28, 1904, Ethel A. Thing, dau. of Joseph A. Thing

of Boston and Mary E. Beckler of Livermore. Bernard C., b. 1881, m., 1902, Mertie Dixon of Farmington, N. H. Cervier L., b. 1886. Lela G., b. 1888, m., 1906, Wesley Wyman, son of Stillman and grandson of Harrison. Their son, Merton, b. July 1, 1907. Ralph O. Putnam. Children of John A. Putnam, Jr., are:—Nellie M., m. Ulysses G. McIntire, wife divorced, 1909; Augusta B., b. July 28, 1873, m. Hersey Williams, wife d.; Lucy, b. 1879, d. 1898, m. Arthur L. Child; Edna E., m. (1st) Bert Tracy, divorced, m. (2nd) in 1905, Perley C. Judkins, res. Dixfield; James L., b. 1875, d. 1908, u. m.; Osca M., b. Oct., 1885, m. Willard S. Arnold; Oscar, b. Oct., 1885, u. m. (twins); Amy, b. May, 1889; John A., Jr., 2nd, b. Dec. 11, 1892, m. Nov. 30, 1910, Abbie M., dau. of Frank Demeritt. Lewis C. Putnam was less than eight years old at the date of his father's death.

The breaking up of the family brought the children to new homes. Lewis C. was given a home with Rev. Alonzo A. Abbott, he having no child of his own. He grew up, attended the town school, married, raised a likely family of children, and continued at their farm home through his life. The influence and guidance of the Rev. Mr. Abbott shaped the career and destiny of this young man. He was led to seek Christ, and finally to become His servant in the ministry. In 1872, eight years before his marriage, he was one of the founders of the Second Advent church, then in Franklin, now Peru, of whom there were 29 members. From 1894 to 1899 Rev. Lewis C. Putnam supplied this church in the absence of Rev. Mr. Abbott. The edifice was erected in 1883. Those in charge of the house were Rev. Mr. Abbott, Rev. Mr. Putnam, John A. Putnam, Jr., his brother, and Granville Child, Jr. In 1905 there remained 20 members. The dedicatory sermon was preached in 1893 by Kate Taylor, sister-in-law to Ruth Taylor, wife of Liberty Walker. Of the 29 original members, two only are living at close of 1909. Of the others mentioned, John A. Putnam, Jr., is the only one living.

Rev. Lewis C. Putnam was a sincere Christian and a devoted laborer in the Lord's vineyard. He held meetings a portion of the year at Berry's Mills, Carthage. Much credit is due to his helpmeet, Mrs. Ida Putnam, for weary, faithful service in rearing and safeguarding their offspring from the pitfalls of vice. She and two of her sons reside at Dickvale, Peru. Joseph A. Putnam, m. July 21, 1889, Annie M., dau. of Lorenzo Delano. Children:—Cecil I., b. June 13, 1890; Ceylon E., b. Jan. 10, 1892; Ronello

D., b. May 9, 1897; Hattie M., b. July 3, 1900; Marie, b. May 2, 1909.

Joseph A. Putnam is postmaster at West Peru. Office is located again in the Rowe store. He succeeds Samuel F. Robinson. He keeps also a small stock of goods on sale. This is 1909. His brother, John A., is also in trade again in the village, after disposing of his sawmill. He rents several stands in the Vill. and is one of the leading business men. Marriage: Cecil I. Putnam, m. Dec. 24, 1910, Etta A. Demeritt, both of Peru.

There is mention elsewhere of Putnam's mill, formerly Curtis' mill, at West Peru. Stephen Putnam, whose brother was the ferryman at East Rumford, was the mill owner. He m. (1st) Dec. 30, 1828, Betsey Ricker; wife d. He m. (2nd) Beulah (divorced wife of Joshua Randall), May 6, 1830. They lived together till his death. Putnam b. 1790, d. Apr. 11, 1844. Widow remarried, Rev. Chas. Bisbee. She d. Jan. 4, 1849, ae. 48 years; grave beside that of Putnam in the Pines, on what was Bisbee Farm. Record says that Silas Putnam m. Mar. 19, 1820, Sarah Ludden, dau. of Levi. No record of children.

## Poland

John Poland, Jr., parents on Gowell Hill, m. May 13, 1829, Betsey Thomas. Going back to the last census, 1821, there were John and Fear Poland; wife d. 1835. Their children:—John, Jr., Roxelana, and Dorcas, the mother of John. A portion or all of this branch moved to Rumford. There was another branch, some of whose offspring yet remain in town, commencing with Sylvanus Poland and wife, Polly. He d. May 14, 1854. They lived on west side of Worthly pond, well up, on now the Johnson Farm. His wife was Polly Ames. Children:—Moses and Polly, twins, Heman B., Arthurdav, Ezekiel, Philo C., Eleazer A. This family came from Hartford.

Moses Poland, m.; wife, Hulda, dau. of Ebenezer Delano. Children:—George, b. Mar. 25, 1839, d. u. m.; Hulda Jane, b. Nov. 29, 1840, m. John Manwell; Levi D., b. Peru, Nov. 25, 1842. All went to Canton. Polly Poland, m. May 10, 1840, Lysander Foster in Peru; Heman B. Poland, m. Aug. 2, 1840, Louisa, dau. of Thaddeus Oldham, Sr.; wife d. Oct. 8, 1843, ae. 22 years, 10 months. Children:—Caroline B., b. Jan. 15, 1842, m. Colby Sampson, Feb., 1862; Lewis O., b. Oct. 6, 1843, d. Fairfax Hosp., Oct. 17, 1862. This family and that of second wife lived in edge

of Greene woods, on road from head of Worthly pond to Sumner. The environment would delight Cliff dwellers of a prior age. Mr. Poland m. (2nd) Pub., Nov. 21, 1864, Martha E. Russell of Hartford. Children:—James B., b. May 3, 1845, m. Mary Bachelor, Nov. 27, 1867. They had two sons, both living in 1909. James B. was Pvt., Co. F, 23d Me. Regt. Ethalinda J., b. June 11, 1847, m. Pub., May 16, 1867, Chas. M. Newton of Dixfield; Aevidia and Alfred, twins, b. Feb. 21, 1849. Alfred, m. June 5, 1870, Eliza Child. Henry Clay, b. Mar., d. Apr., 1851; John C. F., b. June 26, 1856; Heman F., b. Oct. 26, 1858, d. Apr. 1, 1860; Leslie T., b. May 16, 1860; Clement Augustine, b. Apr. 10, 1862; Aggie Lovina, b. Mar., 1866; Heman, b. Mar. 13, 1868. Remnant of family moved to Oxford, Me.

James B., wife and sons, were living at Johnson's Mills, Franklin, around 1880, when the husband left wife and family without notice, and with two of his brothers left town. No one of them, nor their location has been heard of since. James' wife m. Melville Dorr in Hartford. Deceased several years.

Ezekiel A. Poland, b. around 1820, m. (1st) 1850, Rosannah, dau. of Joseph Ricker, in Peru; wife d. Aug. 12, 1853. Children:—Joseph Edwin, b. May 7, 1851; Henry W., b. Mar. 3, 1852. He m. (2nd) Pub., Jan. 4, 1854, Ruth B., dau. of Isaac Bonney and Elsie Newell of Sumner, farmers on the west bank of Worthly pond, their farm adjoining his father's old farm. Children:—Royal Sylvanus, b. June 2, 1855; Frederick E., b. Feb. 19, 1857; Rosannah E., b. June 18, 1850, m. Geo. Libby; Cinderella Agnes, b. Feb. 25, 1869; Annie L., b. 1865, d. Jan. 25, 1889, u. m.; Phelps; Della, m. Merritt H. Oldham, living on Bartlett farm. His premises with a "Merry Party" are seen in views of Worthly pond. Philo C. Poland m. Sept. 15, 1851, Cinderilla Campbell. No issue. This family preceded Ezekiel A. on his farm, and built a portion of the buildings. They became interested in religious meetings under Rev. "Sister" Parker and assistant, who were members of the family several months, about 1858.

Eleazer A. Poland, b. Hartford, Feb. 7, 1822, d. Aug. 13, 1893, m. Dec. 1, 1844, Eunice A., dau. of Wm. French. Children:—Eleazer Clinton, b. Apr. 10, 1856, m. (1st) Dec. 1, 1880, Hattie Whittemore of Lewiston. Their children:—Rose G., m. Mr. Bean; Wendall C. is station agent; wife d. He m. (2nd) Delia O'Neil. Children:—Nellie B., ae. 17 m., Dec. 25, 1909, Joseph C. Record, ae. 27, of Buckfield; Annie M. Clinton's res., East Peru;

farmer; rents cottages at Worthly pond. Family own the Cyrus Wormell stand in Vill. Second child of Eleazer, Rose Gelanor, b. 1858, d. 1862. The last is Andrew Poland, plumber in Concord, Mass. Widow, Eunice A., d. June 2, 1911. Levi D. Poland, son of Moses, m. (1st) in Canton, Laura Lovewell. Children:—Almon, Bertha, Flora, Caroll, Daniel, Frank. Wife d.; Bertha d. Mr. Poland m. (2nd) in 1893, Susan S., dau. of John Williams. Thad had dau., Bessie M. Occupation, farmer.

### Packard Family

Among the early settlers in Massachusetts from England were Danforth and Simeon Packard, the progenitors of Ephraim Packard, b. June 23, 1780, d. 1872, who came from Greenwood in the twenties with wife, Lydia, b. Apr. 25, 1789, and a large family of children. He made clearing and erected the buildings on what is the Irving Dean Farm, south of Worthly pond. In 1855 or 1856 he sold to Marshall Child of Livermore and removed to Buckfield, thence returned to Greenwood. The wife of Geo. H. Conant, nee Grace Packard, is great-great-grandchild of the subject of this sketch. Children of the Packard family:—Lydia, b. Jan. 17, 1809, d. young; Almon, b. Sept. 27, 1810, d. in Massachusetts; Lucinda, b. Jan. 4, 1812, m. Erastus Holt, came to Peru from Weld; Lydia, b. Nov. 3, 1814, m. Jacob Keene in North Turner, d. Aug. 26, 1847; their dau., Ellen R., m. in Hartford; Fidelia, b. Dec. 11, 1817, d. Feb. 12, 1818; Eliza, b. Jan. 14, 1818, m. Gifford Moses, d.; Asa Danforth, b. Peru, Feb. 19, 1820, m. Sarah S. McLaughlin, b. Dixfield, 1824; Geo. Preston, b. Jan. 1, 1822. In army, d. in Iowa; Ephraim C., b. Dec. 13, 1824, d. Apr. 30, 1851; Jemima, b. Dec. 26, 1827, d. Detroit, Mich.; Stephen S., b. Aug. 23, 1831, m. sister to Greene Gammon, was in army, d. in Albany, Me.; Clarinda S., b. Apr. 27, 1833, m. Benj. Buck of Buckfield. He d. in army.

Asa Danforth, m. Aug. 7, 1844, Sarah S., dau. of Phineas McLaughlin and Sally Smith, both of New Hampshire. This family lived on the Jedediah White place, now owned by H. E. Stillman, in the early sixties. Mr. Packard enlisted Co. F, 17th Regt. Me. Vols. His son, Moses, enlisted at Minot, served in Co. K, 5th Me. Vols. Children:—Moses F., b. Aug. 26, 1843; Albert D., b. Apr. 18, 1845; Edmund A., b. Jan. 16, 1848; Hubbard C., b. Dec. 13, 1852; Sarah Emeline, b. Mar. 28, 1856. Asa Danforth entered his army service July 22, 1862, and d. by reason of same.

His widow was pensioned till her marriage to Wm. W. White. After his death, Dec. 18, 1902, she filed application for restoration to pension rolls, Oct., 1902. Same allowed. Her home is with dau., Sarah, and son-in-law, Geo. T. Porter, Dixfield. Moses F., m. Nov. 28, 1863, Alma O. McLaughlin. He was pensioned a term of years and d. at Dixfield Cent., Sept. 10, 1905, suddenly, of heart trouble. His widow, a cripple many years, was pensioned, living at Dixfield. Their children:—M. Albert, a lawyer at Wilton; and Edmond D., at old stand. He is married and makes a home for his mother. His dau., Grace, m. Geo. H. Conant in Peru. Widow, Sarah S. White, is quite smart to work, 86 years old, and enjoys life, 1910. Her son, Hubbard C., is married; res., Dover, Mass.; occupation, a mason.

### Paul

William Paul was a blacksmith at West Peru Vill. in middle forties to middle fifties or later. He removed down the river to the Geo. Babb place. He built a small shop and worked at his trade there till last sickness and death. He was rated a good horseshoer. He m. Feb. 16, 1840, Clarinda, b. Sept. 18, 1805, dau. of Trueworthy Thurston. Children:—Olive Jane, b. Oct. 29, 1842. Dealbra Elvira Osca, b. June 19, 1845, m. Jan. 15, 1863, Henry T. Durgin in Mexico, a farmer. He d.; "widow" remarried, Apr. 3, 1865, Geo. A. Hutchins of Canton. William A. Paul, b. Aug. 31, 1848, m. Pub., June 5, 1869, Ellen F. Holman in Dixfield. Mr. Paul is farmer and lumberman; res., Dixfield, opposite East Peru. He manufactures spool stock by steam power. Parent, William, d. Feb. 13, 1864. Widow Clarinda Paul m. Pub., Apr. 20, 1865, Joseph Bartlett. He d. around 1870; interred beside first wife in Jackson Yard. No marker. Widow (Paul) Bartlett d. around 1891; interred beside first husband, Dickvale.

### Piper

Wm. Piper, b. Sept. 29, 1798, d. Aug. 19, 1886, in Peru, m. around 1824, Hannah Edwards, b. 1781, a native of Casco, d. Mar. 10, 1867. This family came from Otisfield to Peru in 1828 and lived the first winter in the house with James Lunt, next High St., at the Grover mansion. Subsequently he built the buildings on the John Burgess farm and settled there. He was a man of much ability, honest and reliable. He shared the confidence

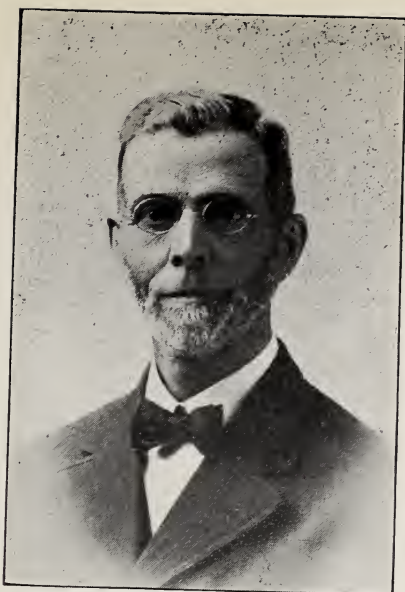
and high esteem of his townsmen and was honored with various offices, including constable and collector of taxes. Children:—Daniel Wentworth, b. Otisfield, Mar. 18, 1825; Sophrona, b. Sept. 28, 1826, m. Daniel Oldham, Jr.; Nancy, b. in Peru, Dec. 5, 1829, m. (1st) Thomas Wyman, son of John C.. He d.; m. (2nd) Erastus Abbott; Timothy Merritt, b. Aug. 28, 1831, went to Illinois in early life, invested in real estate, amassed a good property, and d. single; will probated Oct., 1907. Daniel W. Piper was eighty-five years old the 25th of March, 1910, and for several years was the only surviving member of his father's family. His farm was the Seth Jackson Farm on Ridge Road, about half a mile from West Peru Vill. In the harvest of 1909 he dug and picked up 16 bushels of potatoes in one day, and the next day he dug and picked 18 bushels, his usual labor.

His longevity and unusual vigor at this time of life is due to a rigid temperate, abstemious life by him and his parents. He has preserved well what he inherited, a strong constitution. It would be well to emulate his example. He m. June 15, 1856, Adeliza Fogg of Woodstock. Children:—Adeline A., b. Mar. 30, 1859, d. Aug. 11, 1859; Elbridge G., b. June 29, 1860, d. Aug. 5, 1860; Ellsworth E., b. Aug. 16, 1861, m. Dec. 8, 1880. Mary E. Glover of Hartford. No issue. They followed farming in part. Residents in Peru awhile after the close of the year 1900, and moved to home farm of wife's parents at North Hartford. Ella May Piper, b. Oct. 2, 1867, m. James Lovejoy. Their children:—Harry L., b. July, 1884; Daniel W., b. 1887. This grandson is living with Mr. Piper on the farm. Daniel W. Piper d. Jan. 31, 1911.

Harry L. Lovejoy, m. Nov. 19, 1907, Lula J. Wing, a school teacher of Auburn, Me. They settled on the former residence of Ellsworth E. Piper near Daniel W. Piper. Mrs. Ella M. Lovejoy d. July 14, 1888, leaving a dau. She was named for her mother, grew up, and m. Chas. Standish; res. was West Peru.

## Ricker

Three brothers of the Ricker family were early settlers of Peru. Their native residence was in the vicinity of Durham or Gray, Me. Joseph Ricker bought a lot of land of Hezekiah Walker at Peru Cent., Apr. 23, 1822, where he settled for life. He was less than 21 years old. Record shows that his brother, William Ricker, was elected to the office of Tything Man in 1828, and evidently he



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had established a home years before, as his third child was born soon after his elevation to office, and all recorded in town. He was School Agent in 1838. His farm was up back of Elbridge Gammon's farm and at foot of Gammon mountain, and the Gammon place, a short distance from the junction of the two roads leading from Ripley's Mill to North Hartford, via down Packard Hill, at the foot of which was located John Robbins; School agent, 1846.

Joshua Ricker lived on Levi Randall place at Worthly pond in early forties. He m. Dec. 2, 1838, Phoebe L., dau. of Samuel and Olive Knight of Peru. There is no record of any children. He did not reside in town long. Writer learns that Lenora Knight lived with her sister, Phoebe L. Ricker, in Minnesota prior to her return to Peru, about 1894, which shows that Joshua Ricker followed the trail of Elijah Hall out West. Their wives were sisters.

Family of William and Eliza Ricker. Wife d. Oct. 12, 1848. Children:—Eliza Ann, b. Mar. 24, 1824; Mary, b. June 8, 1826; Wm. Smith, b. June 5, 1828, d. Sept. 28, 1828; Martha, b. Mar. 23, 1834, d. Sept. 19, 1839; Ellen Cordelia, b. Jan. 18, 1836; Martha, b. Sept. 27, 1839; Wm. Henry, b. Aug. 11, 1842. No further knowledge. Quite likely family left town soon after death of wife.

Joseph Ricker, m. Sept. 4, 1825, Eliza S., dau. of Wm. and Sibyl (Staples) Walker. Husband d. Jan. 24, 1845, of typhoid fever, ae. 43 years. Wife d. Apr. 1, 1849, ae. 41 years. Children:—Mary A., b. Nov. 7, 1826, d. Aug. 7, 1827; Rosannah, b. Feb. 11, 1828, m. Ezekiel Poland; Lenora, b. Apr. 7, 1829; Ardelia, b. Nov. 13, 1831; Elnora K., b. Feb. 19, 1834, d. May 23, 1836; Chas. Henry, b. Nov. 3, 1837, d. Jan. 22, 1838; Eliza Ellen, b. Mar. 28, 1840; Joseph Wesley, b. Nov. 23, 1842. Mr. Ricker built and occupied the house and ell now owned by Wm. H. Bent. He was by occupation a blacksmith. He was a prominent pillar in founding the Methodist church here, whose house of worship was erected in 1838. This family were devoted Christians and greatly missed when called to higher life. The two youngest only are living, 1910.

Eliza Ellen, b. Peru, Mar. 28, 1840, dau. of Joseph and Eliza S. Ricker, m. Jan. 10, 1860, Phineas Ingalls Libby, b. in Gorham, Aug. 23, 1838, a farmer and shoemaker, the son of Samuel Libby, b. in Gorham, Oct. 5, 1799, and wife, Sally Libby. Children of Eliza Ellen Libby, dau., b. Jan. 17, 1864, d. Feb. 12, 1864; Lu-

ella D., b. Apr. 14, 1865, m. Sept. 19, 1885, Josiah Paine Wescott of Gorham. He d. Sept. 27, 1903, a farmer. Their dau., Grace E., b. 1894, d. in infancy; Mabel Florence, b. Oct. 29, 1867, d. June 22, 1880; Nellie Adell, b. May 31, 1874, d. June 22, 1880; Allen Wesley, b. May 30, 1882, m. Oct. 15, 1902, Bessie A., dau. of Chas. and Ella Littlefield Chaplin, farmer. Children:—Maud Isabel, b. Jan. 24, 1905; Nina Louise, b. Oct. 7, 1908. All except representatives of the Christian graces of this Ricker family.

At the age of 18 years, Joseph W. Ricker was mustered into U. S. service, Pvt., Co. C, 8th Regt., Me. Vols., war of 1861. Joseph Wesley Ricker, m. Betsey Briggs, b. in Auburn, Me., Oct. 26, 1844, the dau. of Hiram C. and Senura (Briggs) Briggs. Children:—Daniel Wesley, b. Auburn, May 2, 1868, m. Oct. 26, 1892, Edith A., dau. of Isaac Osgood of North Auburn. Their son, Chas. William, was b. in Turner, Apr. 24, 1900. Chas. Elmer Ricker, b. in Auburn, July 31, 1870, d. in Turner, Dec. 15, 1875. Wm. Briggs Ricker, b. in Turner, July 14, 1874, m. June 21, 1898, Mildred G. Lowell, dau. of J. L. Lowell of Auburn. Their children are:—Wesley Lowell Ricker, b. in Auburn, May 29, 1902; Nina Grace, b. Riverside, Cal., May 12, 1904.

Mr. J. Wesley Ricker is nicely situated. His elegant mansion is located corner Park Ave. and East 8th St., Riverside, Cal. Writer has Pho. showing their team, Mr. and Mrs. Ricker in front and sister-in-law, Mrs. Briggs, in the rear. The cut shows their house on the right.

It is 8 feet to the hedge and a driveway between hedge and neighbor's house on left. At right is stable in rear, and a row of three orange trees between same, and their Park Ave. houses are set back 30 feet from sidewalk, which is 24 feet wide and street 51 feet. Much of this the cut fails to show. Mr. Ricker is a true type of his parents. He has great respect for the old church edifice, and still more for the old cemetery, where rests the dust of his ancestry. He contributes to its repair very liberally.

## Ripley

Wm. King Ripley was a noted early settler at the outlet of Worthly pond, an enterprising business man, a great mechanical genius. He came as early as 1836 and remained through life, rearing a large family of children. His occupation was farmer, carpenter and millman. He erected a fine lumber mill of the pattern of his day, for long lumber, a shingle mill, also a set of

granite mill stones for coarse grinding. This mill did a thriving business for a term of years and was a great help to the community, an emergency that gave elegant homes in place of log cabins. This man was an important factor in the councils of town affairs, holding various important offices of trust. It is related how he entertained a caller one day while working at his bench. Having completed a piece of work before him, he picked up a piece of board near and planed one side true and even, next he picked up a second board and planed that on one side, till it looked about right, then he put the planed sides of the two boards together, one on top of the other on the bench, and the moment the two sides came together there was a vacuum and the two became as one. The top board projecting over the bottom, served as a handle by which the top board was lifted, and the other followed as one.

Wm. King Ripley, the son of Uriah, was b. 1799 in Paris, Me. He m. (1st) Martha Parsons, b. Hartford, 1803, d. 1830. Children and their marriage:—James, m. (1st) Mariah Briggs of Auburn. Their son, Clinton B., went to Honolulu. Wife d. He m. (2nd) Susan Woodbury of Auburn. Their children were John, Mary, and a son, who d. two or three years old. Parent James d. Los Angeles, Cal. Alpheus, m. Elizabeth Walker of Boston. Their children are Fred, in Dakota, and Julia. He d. Denver, Col. Sarah K., m. July 4, 1843, John M. Deshon, d. May 20, 1890. Almira, m. Wm. Thorn, son of John Thorn of Hartford. He lived at Peru on the Nathan Harlow Farm in late forties and sold to Winfield Shackley. Children of Thorn are Sarah F., Ella, and Charles. Mr. Thorn is dead. Widow and children living West (1907). Wm. Ripley, b. 1826, d. 1830. Wm. H., Jr., b. June 24, 1830, d. Sept. 24, 1899, at Canton. He m. Cornelia K., dau. of Jonathan Ames of Canton. A son d. young. He was Sergt. Co. G, 1st Me. Cav., and rendered honorable service. He contracted army disability and was pensioned. In appearance he was smart, active and free from intemperate habits down to the year 1899, though he suffered from stomach troubles and was in poor health a term of years. This and the death of his son, Frank, by his own hand, led him to say that when he got tired and sick of life he should do the same. He was impelled by a deranged mind to do the awful deed.

Wm. K. Ripley, Sr., m. (2nd), 1831, Polly Ellis, b. 1802, d. 1867, dau. of Perez Ellis, in Hartford. Their children:—Martha, b. 1831, d. 1833; Hannibal, b. around 1832. He was quite pro-

ficient in the district school studies and in 1851 attended a term at South Paris Normal Institute, where he devoted much time to French. He was genial, of high ideals and good habits. On leaving home, he began business career in Boston, first as carpenter a term of years; was associated with the police force there a term of years; afterwards elected truant officer of Allston district, Boston, Mass. He had good success. He m. Mary E. Tylor in Boston; their dau., Rena, d. aged about 12 years.

Henry W., b. around 1834, was a soldier, Co. E, 2nd Me. Cav. He had furlough home pending army sickness and d. on the way, at New Orleans. He was interred at East Peru. Government marker at grave. He m., prior to enlistment, Celestia C. Alden, dau. of Amasa. Their son, Scott Ellis, was b. in Livermore. He and mother live in Watertown, Mass.

Ellis Ripley, b. in Peru, Sept., 1836, was a traveling salesman for a shoe firm of Lynn, Mass., m. Sept. 21, 1865, Harriet E. Child, dau. of Marshall, d. in Lynn, Mass., Jan. 22, 1901. Children:—Mabel R., Arthur, Chas., d. when two years old. Widow and children reside Lynn, Mass., No. 15 North Franklin St.

Martha Jane, b. Aug. 17, 1841, m. Aug. 6, 1863, Homer Child. Martha J., the youngest child by second wife, is the only surviving member of her mother's family (1907). Wm. King Ripley, Sr., d. Dec. 9, 1883. He was familiarly known by the title of major, acquired under the state militia law when trainings and musters were in vogue. This family were consistent Christian people of Universalist belief, exemplary and upright in all their deportment.

## Roberts

Seth Roberts and wife, Mariam, dau. of Benj. Fobes, were pioneer settlers in plantation days. They lived in a log house on the tract of land east of Daniel Fletcher Farm, on road leading to West Peru. The house stood on north side of road, on heights of land sloping east, a very pretty and fertile swell of land, in the forties and down. Here they raised a large family of children, and here Mr. Roberts d. Apr. 30, 1845, ae. 57 years, and his wife followed, Oct. 17, 1858. This family were honest, of good habits and good deportment, generous, hospitable, and good neighbors. The family name has ceased in our midst, but a few of the descendants yet remain. Children:—Benj., b. May 9, 1815; James, b. Feb. 25, 1817; Anna, b. Sept. 7, 1819, m. Mar. 14, 1841, Henry E. Young in Peru; Elizabeth Webb, b. Jan. 11, 1822, m. Chas. Knox; Jonathan, b. Oct. 12, 1824; William, b. Apr. 3, 1827; Bethiah, b.

Feb. 14, 1829, m. Danville Knox; Adrian Greenleaf, b. Feb. 25, 1832; Nancy, b. July 3, 1834, d. Nov. 14, 1837; Mariam, b. May 1, 1837; Mariam M. Knox, b. Peru, d. Auburn, July 25, 1903; Seth Roberts, Jr., b. Feb. 21, 1840, d. in army, Co. E, 5th Me.

Benj. Roberts, m. (1st) Mercy Tuttle; wife d. July 26, 1848, ae. 33 years. Children:—Nancy Ellen, b. Mar. 18, 1838, m. Gilbert H. Bailey; Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 31, 1839; Rosanna, b. Sept. 1, 1842; Angeline, b. May 4, 1844; Lois R., b. Oct. 26, 1845, d. May 30, 1880, m. Stephen W. Gammon; Roscoe W., b. Jan. 12, 1848, d. Feb. 15, 1849. Benj. Roberts m. (2nd) Sept. 18, 1849, Sarah W., dau. of Robert Barstow. Children:—Roscoe B., b. Dec. 21, 1850; Alice Melvina, b. Sept. 19, 1853. Mr. Roberts d. Sept. 23, 1860. Wife d. Dec. 23, 1893.

James Roberts, m. June 25, 1837, Mary A. M. Putnam. Children:—David S., b. Aug. 25, 1837; Nancy Maria, b. Oct. 8, 1840; James Albert, b. Aug. 8, 1843; Ann Genette A., b. Sept. 8, 1846; Sarah Barstow, b. July 8, 1848. Wm. and wife, Mary Roberts, wife d. June 25, 1879, ae. 48 years. Children:—Nancy, d. ae. 4 years; Rosanna, d. ae. 6 weeks; Mary Jane, m. July 29, 1882, Pliney B. Wing; Susie, m. Samuel B. Kittridge in Carthage. Wife d. Nov. 29, 1906. Husband d. Nov. 24, 1906. They left 7 children. Wm. and dau., Susie, lived at Peru Cent. a while after his wife died. Susie heired their house, the old Hall store, after her father died.

Adrian G. Roberts, m. Lydia H., dau. of Samuel Bailey. Children:—Charlotte Ella, b. Mar. 4, 1852, d. Oct. 18, 1853; Gilbert M., b. Nov. 20, 1854.

Third generation: Roscoe B. Roberts, m. Jan. 10, 1886, Elizabeth Hickoke of Vermont. No issue. Husband d. Mar. 1, 1901. He followed farming most of life on the old Amos Knight Farm. Mr. Roberts and wife were Christians, good neighbors, highly respected.

## Henry Rowe

Henry Rowe, b. in Hebron, July 22, 1829, the son of Joseph Rowe and Eleanor Irish, came to Peru in 1848. He m. Pub., Sept. 14, 1851, Lucy B., dau. of Benj. Lovejoy. Mr. Rowe is yet active, ae. 81 years, 1910. His wife d. Oct. 11, 1898, ae. 65 years. Children:—Mary E., b. Dec. 1, 1852, d. Nov. 1, 1870; Benj. L., d. Aug. 21, 1899, ae. 43 years, 1 month; Henry O., b. 1854; Geo. L. Marriages: Benjamin L. Rowe m. Emma J., dau. of R. T. Allen, b. Farnsworth, N. H., and Jane Gammon, b. Can-

ton, dau. of Robinson Gammon. Wife, Emma J., b. in Milton Plan., d. at West Peru, Aug. 28, 1903, ae. 49 years, 1 month. Children:—Henry O. and Walter. Henry O. m. Laura E. Carter of Waltham, Mass. They separated. Had child b. Feb. 20, 1892. The marriage of these sons' parents at Wedding Hollow is related by Rev. G. B. Hannaford, and taken from a clipping of Lewiston Journal, as follows:

Rev. G. B. Hannaford, the "Bishop of Oxford County," as his long service in the Methodist churches of Oxford county has entitled him to be called, was in Portland during the recent sessions of the Maine Methodist Conference and told this story of a peculiar incident in his career:

"Wedding Hollow," said he, "is what the older residents call a little pitch in the road leading from Virginia to Rumford Center. I was going over this road when I met a couple of young people in a sleigh. 'Good evening, Mr. Hannaford,' said the young man. 'Are you traveling far?' 'Well, I was going to the Center to conduct a social meeting,' I answered. 'Did you want anything of me?' I asked. 'O, the young fellow explained that he and his friend had decided to be married, and they had decided to have me perform the ceremony. 'Well, we'll go right back to my house,' I answered, 'for although I have no housekeeper, my house is always ready for anything of that sort.' But the young man would not allow me to turn back. Neither would he go on to the church at the Center. 'Well, drive up to Mr. Knight's and we'll stop there,' I advised. But no, Mr. Knight had company at the house that evening, he said. 'Then to the next house,' I suggested, knowing them to be friends of the man. 'No, they have gone away,' he explained. 'Well, what shall we do?' I asked, curious as to how they would arrange matters. 'Why, we thought'—and he looked at the blushing young woman who snuggled up to him—'we thought maybe you'd marry us right here.' 'What, here in the road?' I asked, somewhat surprised, for I had never been asked to perform a marriage under just these circumstances before. 'Yes, if the knot would be tied just as tight,' replied my young friend. 'Exactly as secure,' I promised him. So I stepped out of my sleigh, and took off my hat. The couple sat before me snug and comfortable in the fur robes, and the young man also removed his hat, while the pretty girl by his side pulled off her mitten that the ring could be slipped on. I did not have the marriage service before me, but I had it in memory, and so I married them, with the stars as twink-

ling witnesses, and the only wedding bells the chimes that the old mare shook out as she shivered in the wintry air. In spite of the fact that the bride wore no wedding veil and carried no flowers, this couple lived long and happily together in married comfort, and are known to many people in this section of the state, they being the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rowe of Peru, Maine."

Henry Office Rowe, m. Etta L. Carter. Their children:—Chas. H.; Mary E., m. Aug. 1, 1909, Geo. E. Goding, merchant, W. P.; Marion G. This family are devoted Christians, members of F. B. church. Occupation, farmers, on the Rev. Wm. Woodsum farm.

Henry Rowe, by occupation a farmer, was Must. into U. S. service Dec. 23, 1863, Co. I, 1st Me. H. Art., Pvt., dis. June 5, 1865, for gunshot wound. Mr. Rowe was prominent in town affairs several years. He was a member of the board of municipal officers, 1878, 1879 and 1880, and the last year a Rep. in Legislature. He was a man of temperate habits, good judgment, prosperous and successful, a good neighbor, honest and reliable, he shared the confidence and esteem of fellow townsmen.

He has been in poor health several years. Since the death of his wife he has had the best of care by Geo. L. and wife, at their home, West Peru Vill. For the last ten years, or nearly, resort was had to hyperdermic treatment to sustain life. His end came Oct. 22, 1910. West Peru Grange, of which he was a member, conducted funeral service.

### Sumner Robinson

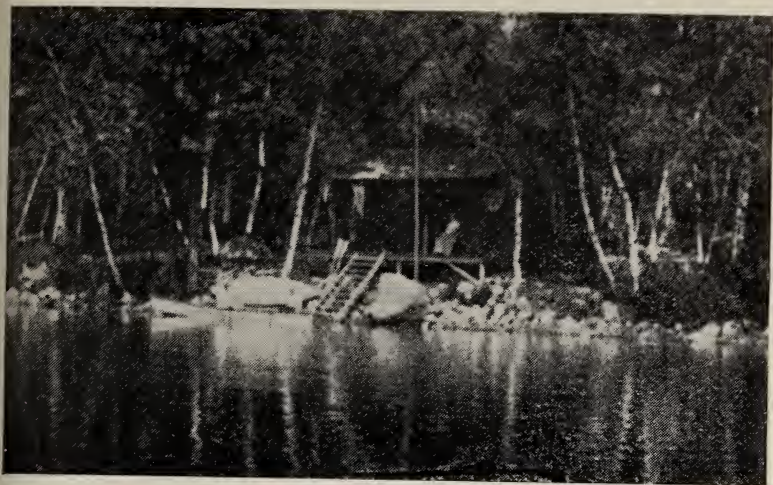
In spring of 1839, Sumner Robinson and family came from Sumner and located on the Francis Lunt Farm, now Leroy Babb's. Mr. Robinson was prominent in town affairs, occupying leading offices repeatedly about thirteen years, until he removed to the State of Illinois. The family were active members of the Baptist church. His first wife before m. was Lydia F. Clark. Children:—Sumner, Jr., b. May 12, 1823; Sabrina, b. Dec. 16, 1825; Mary Clark, b. Mar. 7, 1832, m. Jonathan G. Haskell. Those above b. in Sumner; Adrian G., b. Peru, Apr. 12, 1839; Lydia Felch, b. July 23, 1843, m. David G. Stanford. First wife d. He m. (2nd) Louise, a sister to first wife. No issue. Sumner, Jr., m. Mar. 2, 1847, Cordelia, dau. of John Wormell. Children:—Clara H., b. June 23, 1848; Sabrina Alesta, b. Sept. 1, 1850, d. Mar. 22, 1852. This man about time of marriage began to study for the

ministry. He moved West, continued his studies and made the ministry his profession through life; Adrian G., m. Anna Crane out West. He was on a visit to Peru around 1902; took great interest in church service and Sabbath school here. He closed ilfe a year or two later. His sister, Sabrina, wife of Wm. H. Walker, is ever to be remembered for her sweet temper, amiable disposition, her deeds of charity, her devotion to Christianity, and the good cheer she imparted to all around her.

Another branch of this family, Orville Robinson, b. in Sumner, the son of Asa and Lois Barrows, b. Hebron, m. Apr. 13, 1845, Sabra W., b. Feb. 26, 1826, dau. of Elisha Bisbee, Jr., of Sumner. They settled on farm bordering on Canton. Children:—Fanny B., b. Dec. 17, 1845, m. Pub., Dec. 12, 1867, L. B. Heald, in Sumner. Wife d. May 22, 1869. Henry Raymond, b. Oct. 16, 1853, m. Oct. 1, 1882, May F., b. May 17, 1860, dau. of Asia Keene of Sumner. Their children:—Clarence H., b. Nov. 29, 1883, m. June 26, 1909, Mabel F., dau. of Archibald Sawyer of Buckfield; Ethel L., b. May 21, 1887, is a graduate of Farmington Normal School; Carroll L., b. Oct. 24, 1896. The grandparent, Orville Robinson, d. Dec. 18, 1874, on the old Walker farm, occupied by him and family since 1849. All the rest of this family are living here and flourishing farmers, 1910. The grandmother, in her 84th year, still preserves her comeliness and much old time vigor. Mr. Robinson, Sr., is one of the leading men in town affairs, has served on the board and been town treasurer several years. His wife is a pattern of industry, a champion of moral reform, one of the few striving to maintain religious service and Sabbath school at the old meeting house a part of the year. Mrs. Mabel F. continues school teaching.

## John Reddin

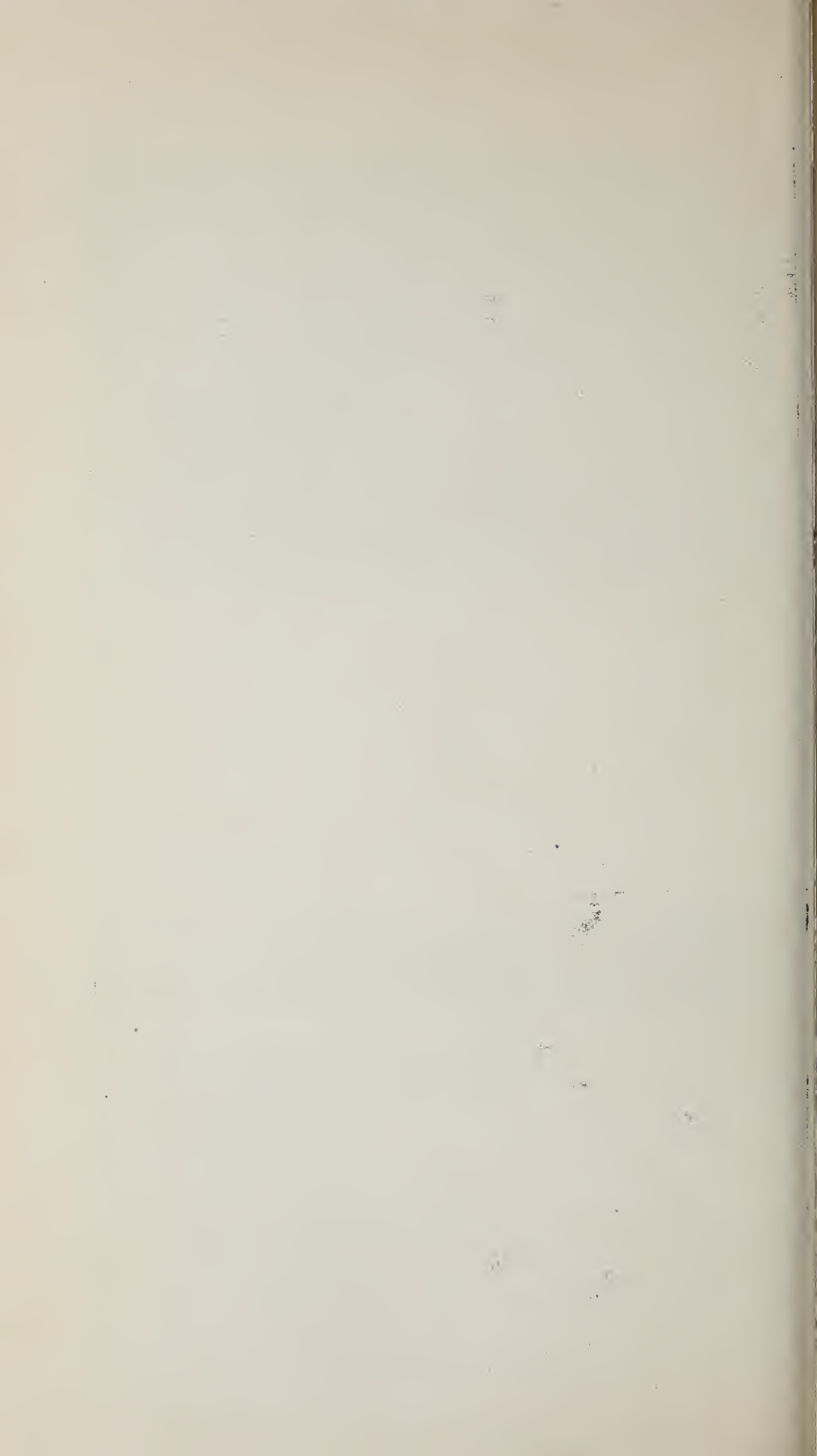
John Reddin was an old resident in Peru and a pioneer settler of Franklin, a man of noble sentiments, generous, broad mind and of good habits. He was b. in Fayette, of Scotch descent. His sisters, Pattie, m. Reuben Lovejoy, and Clarissa, m. Salmon Andrews. John Reddin, m. Hannah Canwell, probably a sister of John Canwell. They owned and operated at one time the Herbert Bowker farm. He kept also a small store. In politics he was an Abolitionist in the days of that party. Their children were:—Deborah, Rachel, Mary Ann, Mary C., and Oliver. Mr. Reddin and wife were living in Sumner, in the vicinity of Farrar's mill,



Pine Cottage, Worthly Pond



Buildings across the pond at left are on the Curtis farm, those on the right on the Levi Randall farm, now Emery Cox place.



in the early eighties. He was a very conscientious man, more so than his wife. He outlived his whole family. He remarked at the funeral of his son, Oliver, that he was the only one left to tell the story. He lived ninety years. No dates. Five children of Oliver Reddin are living in Sumner (1910):—Will V., George, John, Inery Bisbee, and Percy Reddin.

### Levi Randall

Levi Randall, b. Peru, Mar., 1817, was son of Samuel, b. Livermore, and Beulah (Norris) Randall, both of Wayne, m. 1814. Beulah was a sister of Gideon, the first trader at West Peru. Samuel Randall left wife and went to Aroostook Co. He wanted wife to go, but it was a long way through woods, guided by spotted trees, to ride horseback with two children, and she heeded the advice of her friends to remain here. Mr. Randall never returned. Levi Randall m. (1st) Amanda, dau. of Alvah Small, Pub., Nov. 17, 1842. Had dau., Mary Celestia, b. Aug. 17, 1844. Wife d. Oct. 15, 1845. He m. (2nd) June 6, 1847, Emily Washburn, dau. of James and Lovina Brown, dau. of Nathan Brown of Rumford; had son, Francis Eugene, b. Mar. 20, 1848, who m. wife of Edward Babb, "divorced." Wife, Emily, d. Apr. 25, 1850, ae. 25 years. He m. (3d) Pub., June 23, 1852, Mary Adeline, b. July 6, 1832, dau. of Lawson Small. No issue. Mr. Randall d. of cancer, Sept. 17, 1883. The widow is still living on home farm at Worthy pond. Mr. Randall lived here nearly all of his married life and d. here. In views of Worthy pond, see farm buildings looking over and beyond motor boat, bearing flag and two persons. The white house on the left is the Warren Curtis farm. The barn at the right and white house at right of and partially hidden by barn are buildings of the Randall farm. In motor boat, bearing six persons, you get a better view of Randall farm above the buildings. The houses are not as near as they appear.

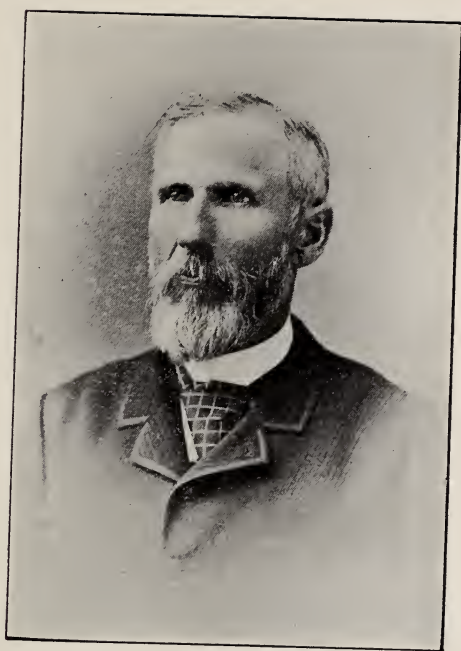
### Smith

Josiah Smith, b. Falmouth, of English descent, a ship carpenter, m. around 1800. Comfort, a sister to Amos Knight of Falmouth. They were here Mar. 1, 1814. They had four sons and three daughters, who lived to grow up and marry. The parents and all seven sons and daughters were early and hardy pioneers in Peru, inured to privation and toil. The next to arrive was Eliza-

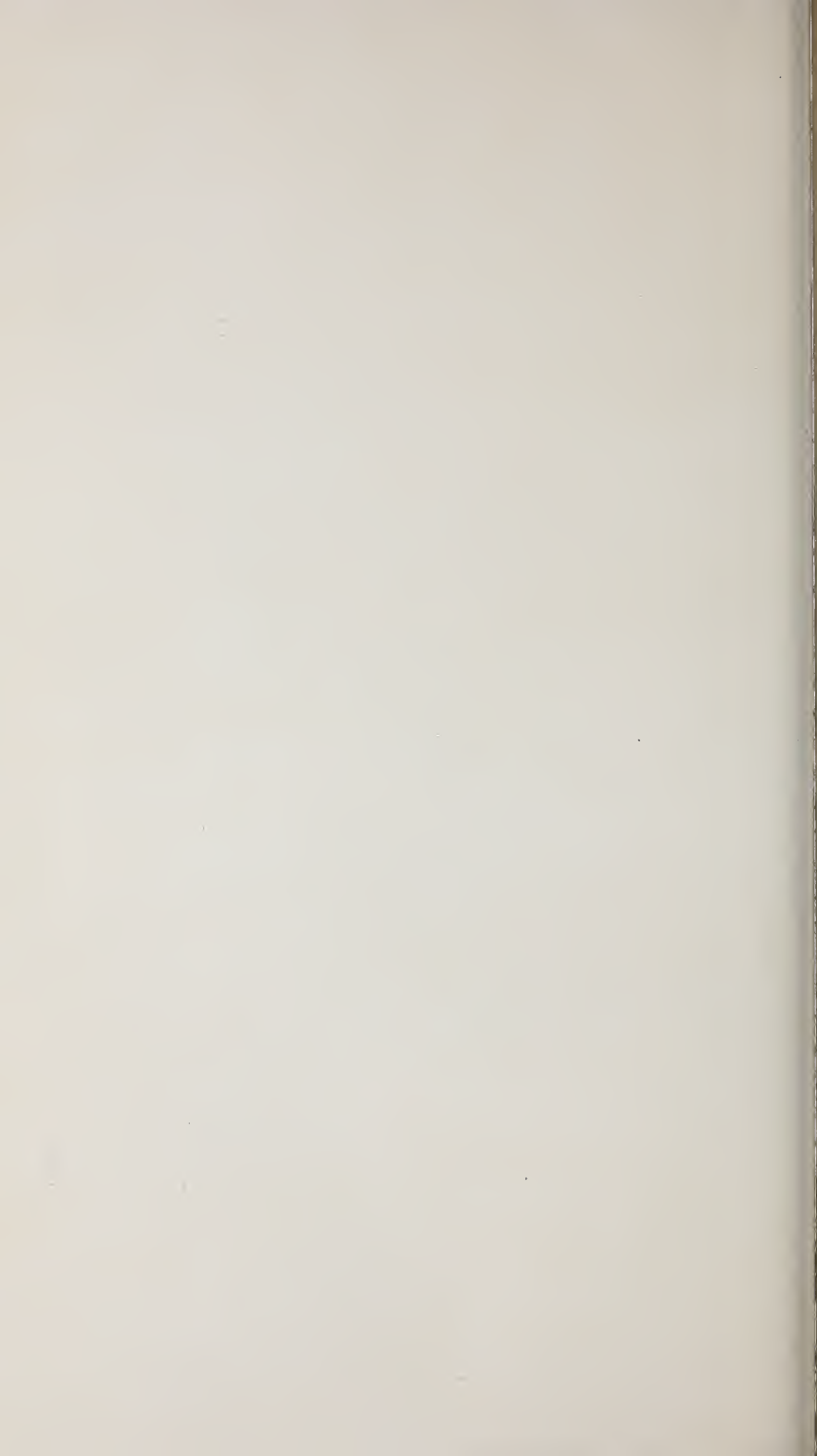
beth, b. in Portland, m. John Hodgdon; both here in 1821. The next was George K., here in 1822. It is probable the other children followed soon. Abigail, b. 1806, m. Apr. 7, 1829, Ichabod Benson in Peru; Dorcas, b. 1814, m. Oct. 16, 1831, Goodin Benson; Ai Smith, b. 1809, d. 1875; Peter, b. Jan. 17, 1812, d. Apr. 20, 1903; Edsil. Josiah Smith, when well advanced in years, was often seen walking to and fro with a broad axe on his shoulders, doing jobs of hewing timber in and out of town. Mrs. Leanna M. (Morrison) Knox, wife of Perley G. Knox, is the only descendant of Josiah Smith living in Peru, 1910. She is a lineal descendant of Elizabeth (Smith) Hodgdon, and a granddaughter of Josiah Hodgdon. Josiah Smith was chosen school agent for the western district, Mar. 1, 1814. There were 24 votes cast that year for governor, a gain of four votes since 1812.

George K. Smith, the oldest son, was first on town record Mar. 4, 1822, when David Hoit, J. H. Withington and the said Smith were chosen hog constables. He evidently had m. Sarah Maxim, a sister to the wife of Daniel Delano. Children:—Samuel, b. Dec. 31, 1822; Emily, b. June 24, 1826; Nathan M., b. Dec. 23, 1827; Daniel, b. Mar. 22, 1830; Geo. W., b. Aug. 13, 1832; John H., b. Feb. 2, 1835; James O., b. June 2, 1837; Abigail B., b. Feb. 2, 1840. This family removed to Farmington some time in the forties. Edsel Smith, m. Aug. 10, 1835, Annis, widow of Eli Knox, maiden name Maxim. Annis Maxim was a sister of the wife of Daniel Delano. This family left town in the forties. Children:—Comfort Smith, b. Aug. 27, 1835, m. Emery Record in Buckfield; Mary F., b. Aug. 1, 1837; Albion Knox, b. June 1, 1840; Elizabeth J., b. July 8, 1843.

Ai, b. 1809, d. 1875, m. Margaret McKee, b. Corinna, 1807, d. 1880. She m. (2nd) June 26, 1877, in Rumford, Thomas Richards. Graves at East Peru cemetery. Children:—Josiah Smith, b. Peru, Nov. 29, 1832, m. twice had four children. He was commander of ship in navy, war of '61, res. South Arm, Mich.; Alvarado, b. Feb. 10, 1836, d. in Boston around 1900, m., had two children, a son graduated from Tufts Coll.; Roscoe, b. Nov. 13, 1837, m. Ellen A., dau. of Reuel Washburn of Livermore. Their son, Reuel, is a graduate of Bowdoin Coll. and of Harvard Law School; profession, law; res., Auburn, 106 Spring St., of both families. Eliza, b. June 1, 1839, is married; res., Boston. Mary, b. May 6, 1841, d. Jan. 21, 1843; Mary B., b. May 26, 1844, d. 1866; Benj., b. Nov. 1, 1847, enrolled Aug. 20, 1862, in Co. G,



ROSCOE SMITH, M. D., Residence Auburn, Me.



1st Me. Cav., war of '61, d. Apr. 24, 1864, discharged for disability Nov. 25, 1863; grave and Gov. headstone at East Peru. Gilbert Smith, m. Mary E., dau. of John Howard. Children:—Albert J., Jennie, d. ae. 12 years, and Nellie. Wife was divorced. Mr. Smith resides in Portland; occupation, house carpenter.

Roscoe Smith, an active and hardy youth, came upon the stage of action when wrestling was one of the sports on gala days. He participated freely in this line of developing the muscular powers and was soon acknowledged champion of the crowd. He was working one hay season for a neighbor, who told him jocosely, if he did not do so and so he would take him down, and though his employer was much older and heavier, and a strong, vigorous man, he promptly informed him he could not do it. They clinched, and the older man was the under man, but not convinced; he asked to try again. Our hero was willing, and landed him quicker than before. Getting on his feet he said: "I did not know you were so strong." At the age of 21 he was actuated by higher ideals, and resolved to acquire an education. He began the study of English grammar, the fall of 1859, in connection with arithmetic, having a rudimental knowledge of that branch. He applied himself assiduously and made good progress. That winter he taught a term of district school, with good success. He attended the fall term of high school in 1860 at West Peru, taught by Henry B. Walton. Doing farm work, spring and summer, at \$12 per month, and teaching winters at about the same rate, he had to rely upon his own resources to climb the hill of science. He was making tolerable progress when the call to arms made him a conscript in government service, July 17, 1863, Co. I, 3d Me. Inf., till close of war, having been transferred to 17th Me. and to 1st Me., H. A. He is reported absent, wounded Sept. 11, 1865, when command was mustered out of service. Resuming his studies, he graduated from Harvard Medical College after his graduation from Bowdoin Medical School. He began practice first at Weld. In about two years he removed to Turner Vill. Here he had a very busy and successful practice a term of years, as long as he was able to ride, the relics of army disability becoming more pronounced. Dr. Smith was bound to succeed and very fortunate in his selection of a high-minded, accomplished Christian lady for his helpmate in life. Their son is a picture of Judge Washburn in his day.

Peter Smith, b. Freeport, 1812, d. at West Peru, Apr. 20, 1903, m. Dec. 27, 1831, Elvira Young, b. 1813, d. June 7, 1887; occu-

pation, farmer and carpenter. He followed the latter trade wholly during the last period of life. He was a man of good habits, frugal and industrious. Children:—Hiram, b. July 4, 1834, m.; res., Concord, N. H.; two children, Edward and Charles. Simeon R., b. Aug. 15, 1836, m. in N. H.; Lowell B., b. Apr. 7, 1837, m. Sarah, dau. of Harvey Ripley; res., Canton Vill.; children, Frank, Fred, Willis C., Chas., d., Clinton, foreman of tannery. Montilion, b. Sept. 16, 1841, d. in N. H.; Jane C., b. Mar. 31, 1833, m. Eugene Jones; res., Pittston, Me. Wheeler, b. June 6, 1845, Must. Dec. 23, 1863, d. in army service June 27, 1864, Co. I, 29th Me. Jennette, b. Dec. 16, 1847, m. Pub., Sept. 23, 1869, Richard E. Farnum; Delphina, b. Dec. 14, 1849, m. Thomas Barrett in Lewiston; Willard, b. Dec. 29, 1851, d. in Mass.; Flora E., b. Mar. 14, 1859, m. Frank Myrick; husband d. in Lewiston.

### Scammon Starbird

Among the early settlers at Worthly pond was Dea. Scammon Starbird and family. Going back a generation to the family of Sea Capt. James and Wealthy (Douglass) Starbird, Capt. James d. Apr. 10, 1851, ae. 83. Children:—Scammon, b. Apr. 14, 1796, d. Dec. 2, 1860; Wealthy, m. a Mr. Elwell in Hallowell, d. there; James Starbird, Jr., m. Hannah Wood in Hartford, d. there; Washington, m. Jane Briggs in Sumner, and had son, Isaac, no record, also dau., Tamer, no record. Scammon, m. Dec. 28, 1818, Hannah, b. in Hartford, Aug. 30, 1801, dau. of Josiah Tilson, an early settler in Hartford. She was own sister to Robert Tilson, Sr., an early settler in Peru. The Starbird residence was the Hiram Oldham, 2nd, place. Mr. Starbird and wife were members, in good standing, of the Baptist church, both joining 1840. He was made Dea. Nov. 23, 1844, continuing till Dec. 15, 1849, when at his request another was chosen. Sumner Robinson was his successor. Mr. Starbird was a man of good sense, good habits, and good deportment. Children:—Watson R., b. Feb. 23, 1820, d. Apr. 11, 1893, in Eureka, Cal., m. Angeline Washburn in Hartford; both d. in California. John Tilson Starbird, d. July 6, 1821; James Starbird, b. Aug. 23, 1823, m. Jane Knox of Peru, dau. of James, a bro. of Eli Knox; James d. at Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 23, 1892.

Nathaniel D., b. Dec. 10, 1825, d. Dec. 10, 1853, in Lawrence, Mass., m. Mary B. Whittier of N. H.; Joan W., b. Sept. 6, 1828, d. at her home in Sumner, May 28, 1882, m. Josiah Hodgdon in

Peru; Hannah Margaret, b. July 23, 1835, d. Oct. 13, 1884, in Jay, m. Nathaniel Benjamin in Livermore; Mary J. Starbird, b. Jan. 18, 1840, m. Wm. W. Drake of South Parkman, Jan. 4, 1859; divorced; m. (2nd) Mar. 8, 1861, Peleg Oldham in Peru. Their children (see Oldham family).

### Alvah Small

Alvah Small, b. 1799, son of Wm. of Limington, d. at West Peru, Mar. 4, 1868. His wife, Hannah, b. 1800, d. May 8, 1870. An old account book shows this man was in trade from 1840 down a term of years. Children:—Amanda, b. around 1821, m. Nov., 1842, d. 1845, Levi Randall; Alpheus C. Small, b. May 11, 1840, d. Aug. 26, 1892, of Bright's disease.

Alvah's brother, Lawson, b. Gray, m. Melinda York, b. Limington, Me. The family came from Searsport to Peru in 1842, lived first on Ridge road, thence on Burgess hill, removed to Dixfield, Mexico, and last to Roxbury, where Mr. Small d. Wife, Melinda, d. in Peru, Nov. 11, 1900, ac. 90 years, 8 months. Children:—Mary A., b. July 6, 1832, m., 1852, Levi Randall; George Henry, b. Jan. 8, 1835, m. Dora Greene, "widow," in Norway; he d. Sarah J., b. Apr. 5, 1837, m. (1st) Robert Sands. He d.; m. (2nd) Gardner B. Boynton, who served in Co. I, 29th Me., Pvt.; res. on Randall farm a few years; removed to N. H. Frances Abbie, b. July 2, 1839, m. Orlando F. Taylor in Canton; Wm. H., b. July 13, 1842, m. Pub., Oct. 1, 1866, Mary C., dau. of Levi Randall. He was Pvt. Co. D, 16th Me., d. Aug. 24, 1872; Christopher M., b. July 31, 1846, m. Betsey, dau. of Neri Durgin of Mexico. Wife d. Nov. 26, 1909; res., West Peru a term of years. Wife was held in high esteem by all. She will be remembered for her ministrations and good cheer in sickness and affliction. She was popular and influential in the Grange. The above sons were all painters by occupation.

Lewis Dexter Small, the youngest son, m. Jennie, dau. of Clara York of Saco. The latter d., wife of Daniel Gammon. Children:—A dau., who d., and Chas. Albert. Dexter Small was a noted engineer on the R. R. from Canton to Mechanic Falls, F. O. J. Smith, Supt. He could get the greatest pull from the engines they used, of any man known, and attain the speed of a mile in a minute over an unsafe road, without a break, with rail fence for fuel as demonstrated.

## Hannibal B. Smith

Record shows family of Hannibal B. and Mary Smith, and dau., Electa M., b. Feb. 14, 1839. He came some little time before this from Mass., and purchased of Levi Ludden a tract of land bordering on Androscoggin river and north of Speer's stream. He was an energetic schemer, operating on a line not common in town. His object, evidently, was to enhance the price of a large land purchase by erecting a double tenement house and a monster barn, to attract men of wealth desiring to farm on a large scale. He built what is known as the Thomas J. Demeritt house and barn, sold to said Demeritt and his brother, James M., about 1848, and returned to Mass. Evidently the project was a financial success. In 1838, Hannibal Smith and Wm. Tucker were assurers on a bond for Daniel Hall to build a bridge across Speer's stream. In 1839 bond was released. In 1843, Smith was chosen one of the highway surveyors. The greatest number of ballots cast at Sept. election in the years named were as follows: 1830, 88 ballots; 1832, 92 ballots; 1838, 189 ballots; 1840, 183 ballots; 1849, 187 ballots. There was a total number of 331 souls. All the voters did not go to the elections. When census was taken, 1821, there were in the Plan. 65 males, heads of families, each a legal voter.

## Nathaniel Swift

Nathaniel and Polly Swift and six children were early settlers on Burgess Hill, not far from the Hopkins schoolhouse. Births of children range from 1811 to 1821, when census was taken. Lucinda was added Oct. 14, 1824, by same wife. Presuming she d., husband m. (2nd) June 3, 1830, Mary Washburn. Their son, Martin V., was b. Aug. 21, 1833. He lived a year or two in early forties in the family of Wm. Walker and went to Mass. It is said that his son, Harrison, b. 1818, was brought up by Farewell Walton, and perhaps with other children moved to Westbrook. Nathaniel m. (3d) Dec. 29, 1834, Betsey Phinney. No issue given. Record of his death, July 1, 1841, comprises all we know of this family.

## Henry Smith

A separate race of Smiths lived on the bank of Stony brook in a log house, near where the Alfred Walker house now stands, in the thirties, and down to 1841 or 1842. Henry Smith and wife

were the heads of the family. Children:—Lewis; Amos, b. 1821, enrolled, ae. 40, in Co. D, 12th Me., Sept., 1861, "married"; res., Franklin; discharged for disability, 1863. He m. (1st) in 1841, Martha Morse of Norway. Wife d. 1864, ae. 40 years, 9 months. M. (2nd) Olive Dorr, a sister to Cyrus Dorr, in Franklin. Their res. was in Welchville, Me., a term of years, where this wife d. He m. (3d) Maria Cushman, widow of Jesse Cushman. He d. years ago, and widow went to Carthage. John Smith, Frank Smith, Diantha was demented, Polly Smith, m. Nov. 22, 1840, Alvan Davis in Franklin. Henry, the parent, did not live with wife and family the last few years of their residence in town. His home was with his sister, Judith, wife of Maj. Brackett, and his dau., Polly. Lewis and the rest of the family left town about 1842 and returned to Falmouth. Achsah Smith, a sister to Judith, was employed in family of Hezekiah Walker a term of years, and became second wife of John Gilcrease, of 1812-14 war. They both d. on the Francis Waite farm and were interred in the cemetery there. A government marker is erected at his grave. Judith and Achsah Smith were in town before 1821, the only Smiths here then.

### Stillman Brothers

Stillman Bros., Hiram E. and Wilson, were natives of New Brunswick. Hiram E. served in war of '61, enrolled in 1st Me. and subsequently in Co. C, 7th Me. Vet. Vols. He rendered honorable and efficient service. He sustained injury in line of duty and is pensioned. He came to Peru, and from 1870 worked two years on farm for James Lunt in his declining years and till close of life. He had got past labor, was over 86 years old, yet he kept watch of his hired man to see how farm work progressed. He had raised a colt that was wild and headstrong, and not broke to carriage. One day he observed that Hiram had hitched up the colt and was furrowing corn. That pleased Mr. Lunt. He thought Hiram a very capable man to make the colt go so nice, the first time hitched. Soon he planned to ride after his famous colt. He directed his man to run out of the carriage house the old two-wheel chaise, which from long use had become loose in joints, and when in motion given to waltzing in the upper story. Mr. Lunt took a seat in the carriage and ordered the colt hitched to the shafts. Hiram said he would put on the bridle with blinders. Mr. Lunt said "I have seen you cultivating without blinders;

put on the open bridle." The order was obeyed, and before servant could leave the colt's head the colt caught a glimpse of the flopping shay top and started with man hanging to nose, head and neck of colt.

Colt would go to the North Pole,  
Or anywhere, there to stay,  
A long way off on land or sea,  
Away from the pesky one-horse shay!  
Down the road went horse and rider;  
Where race would end, none could say;  
Mr. Lunt seemed much delighted;  
It was to him a gala day.

It was a race fearful indeed!  
Guided not by rod or rein;  
Driver grasping throttle valve,  
Horse a-pulling with nose and mane.  
The air was full of legs flying,  
Horseman's grip was strong and hard,  
All the way, hopping and dancing,  
Down to Deshon's old mill yard. \*

There the horse paused just one minute,  
With the grip still on his nose,  
So the rider asked his horseman  
What he would next propose.  
Then the horseman got on board  
That automobile one-horse shay;  
Took reins in hand—Whew, how they flew!  
To Canton town that gala day.

Hiram E. Stillman, b. Nappan, N. S., Feb. 3, 1845, was the son of Samuel Stillman and Mary Casey, both of N. S. He m. Dec. 18, 1866, Olive Maria, dau. of Daniel Conant. Children:—Hattie M., b. Sept. 20, 1874; Olive Edna, b. Feb. 28, 1877; Wilson Stillman, b. around 1850, m. (1st) Rhoda A. Lewis. They had three children b. in N. B.—Edith, Thomas and Kenneth W. Wife d. in N. B. Wilson and children came to Peru. Kenneth W., b. Jan. 19, 1879, d. Oct. 28, 1895, of gunshot wound by pulling gun by muzzle. Thomas Stillman. m. Sept. 11, 1897, Ernestine

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M., dau. of Elwin C. Knox. Their son, Gerald T., b. Apr 19, 1903. Family removed to Cal., 1908. Edith Stillman, m. Chas. Allen, his third wife; res., Livermore Falls. Children:—Leon M., b. July 18, 1897; Mary Louise, b. May 18, 1908.

Wilson Stillman m. (2nd) Apr. 25, 1885, Emma Turner, widow of Amos Turner. Their only child, Mabel Alice, d. Mar. 8, 1893, ac. 8 years. Mr. Stillman followed trade of blacksmith at Peru Cent. several years. He built the set of buildings there now owned by I. C. Kidder. He d. there, Apr. 1, 1905. Mrs. Emma Stillman d. at Dennis A. Harriman's, Rumford, Apr. 21, 1909. Following early parental teaching, this woman was a firm believer in Christian religion. Like her father, she was strong in Universal faith. She found pleasure in church service through life. Her own denomination was preferable when at hand, yet she would not withhold attendance on denominational grounds. She found experimental religion profitable in this life, and we trust the one thing needful at the journey's end. Amos Turner, her first husband, met with a change of heart before his death, doubtless through her influence. Congenial spirits will find their affinities in the next world.

Marriage of children:—Hattie M. Stillman m. Nov. 26, 1892, Stephen A. Getchell in Peru. They settled on the Oldham farm at the head of Worthly pond, where children were born. He sold there to E. M. Howard and removed to his present home residence, formerly the E. P. Gibbs farm on River road. Their children:—Erwin A., b. Sept. 16, 1894, attending his second term at Hebron Academy; Stella, b. Nov. 26, 1898; Clyde Edward, b. Sept. 27, 1902. Mr. Getchell is a busy worker, a hustler. Olive Edna Stillman m. July 4, 1897, Thomas J. Rolls. No issue. Have adopted dau., Lerene May, b. Aug. 16, 1905; res., East Peru, formerly the Geo. H. Davis stand and outlands. Mr. Rolls is a man of enterprise and good deportment, a prominent member of Peru Grange, No. 109. Filled several offices, including Master.

### Thurstons

Caleb and Hannah (Dudley) Thurston of Exeter, N. H., had seven children: the two oldest were Caleb and John, who came to Monmouth as early as 1792 and established a mill at North Monmouth. They sold their plant and returned to Exeter. Two younger brothers, Dudley and Trueworthy, became permanent residents of Monmouth. Dudley m. Betsey Thurston of Nottingham

and removed to Monmouth in 1802. Their children, five.

Trueworthy, fourth child of Caleb and Hannah (Dudley) Thurston, of Exeter, N. H., was born June 1, 1778, m. Nov. 26, 1801, Priscilla Royal, b. Monmouth, Oct. 13, 1779, settled in Monmouth in 1802, and in 1819 removed to Peru, where he died July 20, 1849. Wife d. Oct. 16, 1865. Their children, eight, with the exception of the last, were born in Monmouth:—Levi Moody, b. Dec. 2, 1802, d. Jan. 15, 1831; Clarinda, b. Sept. 18, 1805, m. Feb. 23, 1840, Wm. Paul of Peru; Daniel Adams, b. July 16, 1808, m. Dec. 6, 1832, Olive Bray of Poland. He removed to Poland, Me., d. there 1888. In 1847 he drove an ox-team from Hannibal, Mo., to Oregon, being gone two years. His wife d. Apr. 10, 1875. Three children. He was accompanied by his brother, Samuel R., b. Apr. 17, 1816, who m. July 28, 1844, Elizabeth McClinch, b. Dec. 22, 1816, dau. of John and Sarah McClinch of Fayette, Me. Reviewing the life of Samuel Royal Thurston, at the age of three years he began his career in a log house with his parents and older brothers and sister on Burgess Hill, so-called, in Peru. He was with his father on the farm till seventeen years of age, when an injury changed his plans for life. He fitted for college at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Readfield, Me., entered Dartmouth College in the freshman class, and in 1840 left there and entered Bowdoin as a sophomore, and graduated m. 1843. He read law with Hon. Robert P. Dunlap of Brunswick, Me., and practiced there till 1845, when he went to Burlington, then the territory of Iowa, and practiced law and edited the Gazette, a leading Democratic paper. The climate did not agree with him, and Mar. 24, 1847, having bought a team of five yokes of oxen, two cows and a horse, took his wife and child, three months old, in a wagon, and with goad in hand drove that team twenty-four hundred miles, arriving in Oregon City, in the valley of the Willamette river, Oregon, Sept. 13, 1847. At this time the U. S. mail was received but once a year, and two merchant ships came once a year from Boston, and the vessels of the Hudson Bay Co. were the only means by which letters could be sent or passage had.

With the advent of territorial jurisdiction came a monthly line of steamers, in 1850. He established himself in the practice of law. Having received a farm of 640 acres, offered to all actual settlers by the "provisional government"; was elected to the legislature in 1848, and was the first Rep. to Congress from the territory of Oregon, in June, 1849. On the 6th day of August he

started for Washington, D. C., in a boat propelled by Indians on the Columbia river and arrived in San Francisco on the 18th; left there Oct. 1, Panama the 25th, and Charges the 29th, in the steamship *Empire City*, and arrived at New York, Nov. 13. He paid a flying visit to his relatives in Maine and arrived in Washington on Nov. 30. His course in Congress was marked by fidelity to his adopted state and the country, with honor to himself. He was a Democrat in politics, but in his letters home he writes: "It was a time of sectional strife, and I saw at once that I must unite and combine strength from all. I therefore shut up the book of partisan politics and opened one in which the Whig, the Democrat, the Freesoiler, the Northernman and the Southernman could read in harmony. Pursuing this course, I may say and trust it will not be immodest in me, I have the respect and confidence of all parties in Congress. And when my measures came to the test, I had the pleasure of witnessing practically the success of the policy my judgment had dictated. I say it to you, and I shall say it aloud if need be, I make no compromise with any man who desires Oregon to become a slave country."

It is sad to relate this man's career was short. He had but just begun to realize the boon he had labored so hard to attain, when he was cut off in the prime of life. He d. Apr. 9, 1851, on board the steamer *California*, on his way home, and was buried in Acapulco, Mexico. The legislature of Oregon in 1853 voted to remove his remains from foreign soil, and they were deposited in the cemetery in Salem, Ore., and in 1856 a monument was erected by the same authority, on the eastern face of which is inscribed: "Thurston, erected by the people of Oregon." His biographer says further: "He was in all relations resolute and determined, fond of debate and vigorous in defense of his points. His Fourth of July address of 1849 will be long remembered by those who heard it. He was kind to his friends, and magnanimous to all; a sincere Christian, humble and earnest in the prayer meeting, as he was bold and defiant in debate. He made his way by hard and faithful work, attained success, and left an honored memory."

Writer saw Mr. Thurston when a boy. He was an exceptionally fine looking man; eyes and hair jet black, tall and straight as an arrow, nimble and graceful in poise, and every feature resplendent of brilliant talents. Energy, enterprise and high ideals were the leading characteristics of the man. Livermore boasts of her

Washburns, and Peru may well be proud of her adopted son, who, born and bred in poverty, dependent on his own resources, lead so brilliant a career. He was the only son of Peru who reached Congress. His widow m. Oct. 16, 1855, Hon. Wm. Holman Odell, b. Dec. 25, 1830, son of John and Sarah Odell of Carroll Co., Ind., who was one of the presidential electors of 1876 from Salem, Oregon. Children of Samuel R. Thurston:—Geo. Henry, b. in Burlington, Ia., Dec. 2, 1846; Elizabeth Blandina, b. in Linn City, Oregon.

The children of Daniel Adams and Olive Bray Thurston were Gilman, on home farm in Poland, and Susie, who m. ———— Andrews. She lived and d. in Poland. John Gilman, b. Mar. 15, 1811, d. Feb. 20, 1830; Benjamin, b. Apr. 17, 1813, m. Laura Ann Pratt, Nov., 1843, removed to Poland, Me., d. Sept. 20, 1849. Wife remarried Pub., Jan. 14, 1856, Calvin Hopkins, Peru; True Worthy, b. Apr. 15, 1819, m. Pub., Mar. 2, 1846, Rachel Fisher Welch, dau. of Robert and Lois Welch, of Monmouth. He was a school teacher and prominent town official a term of years. He d. in Rumford in family of son. His wife d. there Sept. 14, 1909, ae. 86 years. Elvira Priscilla, b. Peru, Aug. 25, 1822, m. July 20, 1851, John S. Lunt of Peru, b. Nov. 13, 1819. He was a soldier, 56th Mass. Regt. in Civil War, and with his family enjoyed religion. They were upright, commendable and of good repute. He d. Oct. 2, 1881, ae. nearly 62 years. Wife d. Dec. 8, 1900, ae. 78 years. Children of True W. and Rachel Thurston:—

Samuel Royal, b. July 2, 1847, m. (1st) Carrie Whitmarsh of Boston, had son, Samuel R., Jr.; wife d.; m. (2nd) Maggie Cameron, "widow," of Boston; res., Rumford Cent. Wm. Henry, b. Dec. 12, 1848, m. Salome Glover, Rd. Children:—Maora R., Anthony G., Willis H., Ethel M., George H. Granville True, b. Oct. 13, 1850, m. Ada Lufkin, a sister to Nelson Lufkin. Children:—Earl G., Nettie L., Hermon L. Robert Lamont, b. Feb. 28, 1852, m. Anna O. Connor of Chicago. No children. Lydia May, b. May 24, 1854, m. July 17, 1875, John E. Goggin. His trade was a blacksmith. He followed it well a term of years. He is now nicely situated on a farm on Ridge road. Children:—Bertha, b. May 8, 1877, a graduate of the Normal School at Farmington, Me.; Everett L., b. Apr. 26, 1879; Clarence T., b. Apr. 23, 1882, in Chicago, Ill., m. Mar. 19, 1903, Catherine Howard, dau. of Cyrus and H. Bernice Howard of Winthrop Me.; address, Rumford; Sidney, b. July, 1894. John Goggin d. Oct. 22, 1910. His

death was preceded by two shocks at his home. Lizzie Odell, b. Jan. 1, 1857, m. Henry T. Burgess; Daniel Adams, b. Dec. 16, 1858, m. Nelly Peabody. She d. one year after, in spring of 1906. Child, Lena M., in Rd. Frank M., m. Cora Farnum. Their children:—Lizzie M. and Rodger.

### Moses True

Moses True was a resident in town in early thirties. He m. Mar. 16, 1834, Eleanor Q. Kyle, dau. of Amos Kyle, and settled on a part of the Kyle farm, and built the house now owned by Henry Chase. He was quite prominent and one of the founders of Peru M. E. church. Records show he was one of the committee in charge of the building of the first highway from Bartlett farm up east side of Worthly pond in fall of 1839. In 1843 he was moderator of March meeting. During their residence here there were born to them five children:—Mahala, Mary D., John D., Edward M., Edward. Family removed to Fayette around 1845.

### Tuttle

Family of Isaac and Rosanna Tuttle lived on the John E. Goggin farm. Record shows children:—Russell S., b. Apr. 23, 1830; Wm. P., b. Nov. 1, 1833.

### Thomas

Elijah Thomas is recorded alone here in 1821, and record of death Jan. 28, 1847; that of Benj. Thomas, May 20, 1867.

### John Tufts

John Tufts was b. in Lynn, Mass., son of Amnin and Jane Tufts. When thirteen years old he came to Brunswick, Me., to live and continued there till he was twenty-one. About this time there was call for soldiers in the War of 1812. He joined the Continental Army, marched to Portland and to Plattsburg, via Burlington, and going across Lake Champlain, the land forces, under McCoon, engaged the enemy five days before the shipping arrived. Tufts participated in an engagement lasting two hours. Soldier related to writer a short time before his death, Mar. 12, 1885, that the American ships had been lying with springs on cables a week, waiting attack of British. He was in the war service 16 months and returned to Brunswick. He came to Peru

around 1845. He had a small place on the north side of Morrill Ledge-hill range. Writer recollects he hauled with an ox-team a load of wheat from his farm to be threshed at West Peru Vill. in fall of 1860. Three years before, his first wife, Olive B., departed life, and he, with an only daughter, kept their home. He subsequently m., but wife left soon after their marriage and was not heard from till after his death, Mar. 12, 1885, when proof of death was wanted in her claim for widow's pension. His daughter d. a few weeks before his death. Both d. at Dickvale.

### Josiah Tilson

One of the early settlers of Hartford was Josiah Tilson. His son, Robert, was an early settler on the "New County Road" leading from Knight Ferry, on the south side of the mountain, overlooking Worthly pond, on way to Paris C. H. Several cuts of this region give good views of this range of mountains. The Tilson log cabin was located well up the mountain side, above the cabin of Thaddeus Oldham. Robert Tilson m. Charity Jones of Canton. Their children known were Josiah, Isaac, Robert, Jr., and Appollos. The parent, Robert, d. Dec. 3, 1833. His widow lived many years after his death. Appollos went to live with George Walker till one and twenty. Next he was a clerk, and finally a partner in a gents' dress goods store on Milk St., Boston. He m. and lived in Somerville in 1850-51. He amassed a good property and lost through conduct of partner in early part of war. He began at foot of ladder and at close of war had accumulated a comfortable competence and retired to a country seat. Robert Tilson, Jr., was engaged in commercial line in Boston in 1850 and after. Lots of people recollect him a traveling salesman over Maine after the war, continuing till around 1897, when he was at Peru, having with him his second wife. They were then from Wilton, probably where he d. and was interred at Cambridge, Mass.

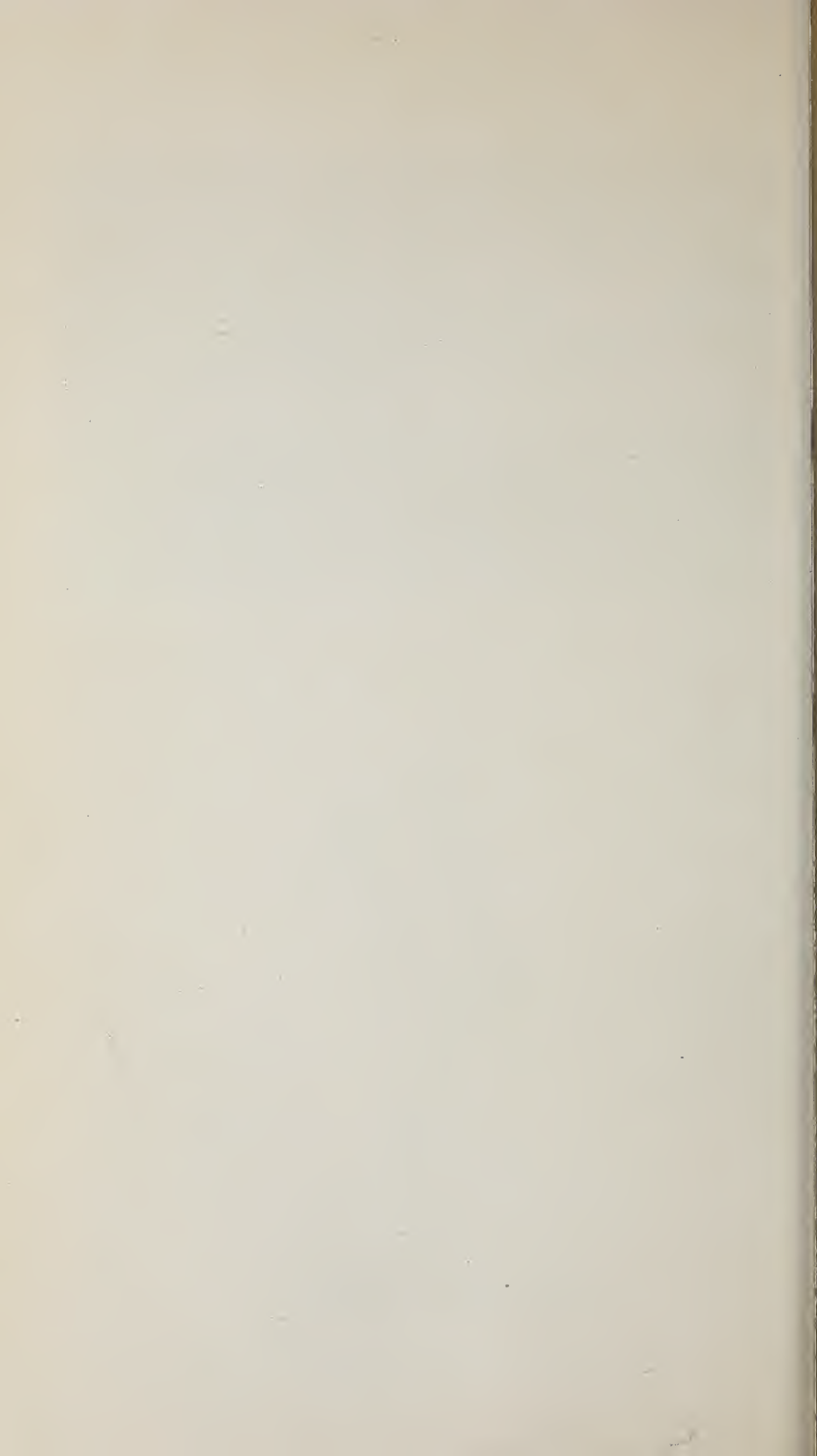
We are unable to learn about Isaac Tilson, son of Robert. Josiah, brother of Isaac, as reported, had three wives, and d. out West. He m. (1st) Ann Sampson in Mass., and had three children. Had a dau. by third wife. Referring again to Josiah Tilson in Hartford, we find his lineage yet living in Peru. He had two wives. The given name of one, presumably the first, was Mercy. A grave in the old cemetery at East Peru has a marble headstone with inscription as follows: "Hannah, wife of Josiah Tilson, d. Oct. 18, 1837, ae. 69 years." From these dates we find



Camp Worthly. Worthly Pond.



Leonard Trask, the wonderful invalid,  
1805—1861.



her birth around 1768, and from her birth to Robert's death a period of 65 years, and to wife's death 69 years, covering actually two generations, that of mother and son, if she be the mother of Robert. Moreover, it is proved that though Josiah, Jr., had three wives, neither bore the name of Hannah. The two generations were prior generations, therefore she could not have been the wife of Josiah, the son of Robert, for he was of a subsequent generation. Josiah, Jr., lived and d. in Cambridge, Mass. His wives were (1st) Julia Hersey, (2nd) Anna Keene of Sumner, (3) Saphrona Hersey. Josiah and Hannah had dau., Hannah, b. Hartford, Aug. 30, 1801, who m. Scammon Starbird. Their dau., Mary Jane, is the wife of Peleg Oldham. Also dau., Sarah R., b. about 1810, m. Sumner Frazier about 1830.

### Leonard Trask, the Wonderful Invalid

Mr. Leonard Trask, the subject of the following historical sketch, was b. in Hartford, June 30, 1805. His parents were respectable and industrious people. His father, Mr. Osborn Trask, was a diligent and enterprising farmer in prosperous circumstances, who early taught his children the necessity and benefit of useful toil, prudence and perseverance. The years of Leonard's minority were passed in assisting his father in the labors of the farm. The first labor he performed after he became free was done in the town of Carthage, where he worked at making bricks at eleven and a half dollars per month. In the autumn of 1826 he returned to Hartford and engaged to build 100 rods of stonewall for \$100. He bought a pair of oxen for \$50 and began work on the wall. He labored hard, completing his job in eight weeks. He then sold his oxen for \$55 and went into the "logging swamp" in Byron and labored two and a half months at \$12 per month. He next journeyed on foot to Mass., where he found employment, and labored the first year at \$13 per month, and for the next year's services at \$18 per month. He then returned to Maine and purchased a lot of wild land in the new and sparsely settled town of Peru.

His land was located on the east side of and nearly up to the head of Worthly pond and near the "New County Road," as then traveled to Sumner and Paris. He next contracted for a barn to be built on his land, for which he gave his next year's labor. The next year, being the 26th year of his life, he spent in building a house on his land, working with unremitting diligence by day and much in the night, sleeping too little. Being of a hardy and almost

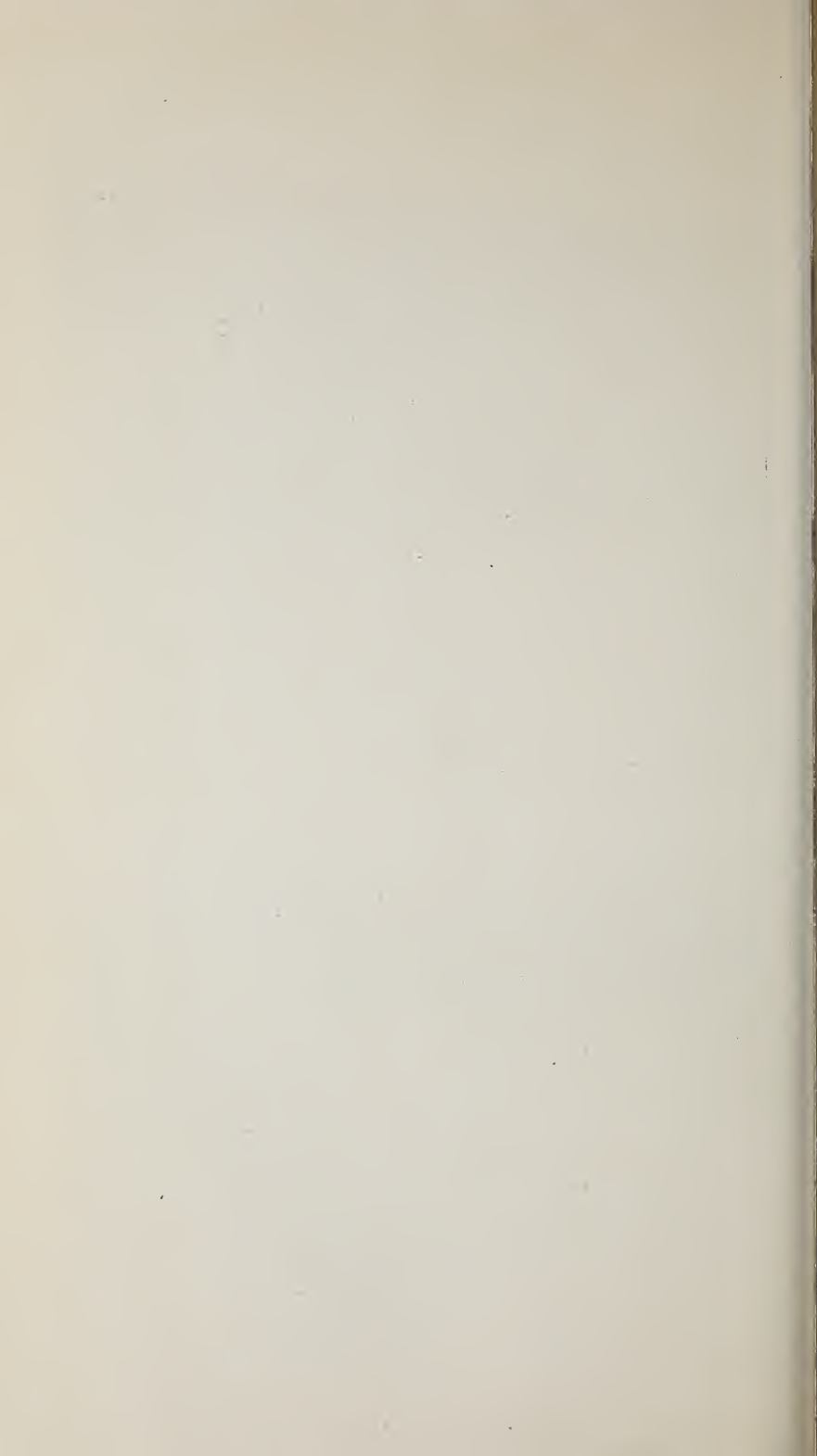
iron constitution, he performed labor and endured hardships that would have shattered and broken down the constitution and health of most men. He m. Pub., Sept. 19, 1830, Eunice, b. Nov. 11, 1809, dau. of Goin and Eunice (Dorr) Knight, a worthy and interesting dau., well educated in all the duties of house-wifery; she proved a fit mate for the persevering young farmer. He was then able to stock his farm with one pair of oxen, two cows, two yearlings, six sheep and a yearling colt. For a while success attended him in all his undertakings. His wild land began to assume the appearance of a well cultivated farm. Rich fields of grain, hay and corn now flourished in place of the forest and brush-wood which his diligent hands had removed. Children were b. to this hale and happy couple, and they rejoiced in the pleasing prospect of rearing the tender babes in affluence and plenty, and undisturbed by that poverty and pinching want that often embitters the life of the indigent and suffering poor. Little thought they that ere ten years should pass away, cheerless poverty would sit the ruling queen at their once pleasant fireside; that the robust, athletic farmer should become bowed, the broad chest contracted, and the once erect and powerful man become a heap of misery and deformity. About the year 1833, as Mr. Trask was riding on horseback through a neighboring town, a "luckless hog" in the highway, hearing the approach of a horseman, took fright, and as is often the case with that perverse animal, to flee from danger took the opposite direction from the place of safety, and rushed directly under the horse's feet. The affrighted horse, as a matter of course, stumbled and plunged, throwing his rider directly over his head. Mr. Trask was thrown with great force to the ground, receiving the full force of the fall upon his neck and shoulders. This gave so severe a shock to the spinal column that he was unable to reach his home for several days. Two months or more elapsed before he was able to do any work. He then attempted to do some light work, but it was performed with extreme difficulty and pain. Wearily he dragged out the residue of that season, laboring while he was unable to endure toil more than an hour at a time, sitting down in the field to rest at intervals while the pain in the spine would partially abate. The next year his health improved. He could work with more ease, and continue longer without very severe pain. During that year he sustained severe losses in property and a discouraging reverse of his former prosperity. He owned at that time 18 head of neat cattle, one horse, and 20 sheep. Bloody murrain prevailed among



Trask Farm. Worthy Pond, east side Cemetery at left of buildings.



Old Dick facing Dickvale on left. The old schoolhouse in front near shore of pond. East side, Peleg Oldham farm at right, where John S. Lunt lived at one time.



his stock. He lost by it nine cows, four oxen, four horses and several smaller cattle. These losses weighed heavily upon the unfortunate man, and the pinching want of money led him again to seek it in the timber swamp of Maine.

In the winter season he hired out to labor in the Dead River "Pinerics." When he first went into the woods, the snow was four feet deep and the lumbering operation 12 miles from any dwelling. The camp the party expected to find had been destroyed, and they found themselves at night in the woods without shelter and unable to construct one the first night. Consequently, they spent a severe winter night in the open air, leaning against or walking around trees. The next day was spent wallowing about to find a location for a camp, and the second night was passed around their fire in the open air. The day following they constructed a camp, and the third night they slept soundly on cold hemlock boughs, above the snowy, frozen ground. In consequence of this exposure, Mr. Trask took a severe cold, and his spinal trouble revived with increasing torture. He supposed it to be an attack of rheumatism and strove to drive it off by exercise. In going to and from the camp he was unable to keep up with the other hands. While performing his daily labor, he was often forced to take his meal in his hands and eat it while traveling around a stump, the pain in his neck being so severe he could not endure it and eat. He was unable to rise from his couch of straw without a rope with which to draw himself up. Still he performed his daily task with the rest of the lumbermen through the winter. In the spring of 1835 the neck and spine between the shoulders began to curve and the head and shoulders to bow forward: thence began the deformity as shown in the cut. In his prime he was erect, of symmetrical proportion, standing six feet, one inch in his boots, and weighing 199 pounds. In 1857 he measured to chin, three feet, nine and one-half inches, and to his shoulders, the summit of the trunk, four feet, 10½ inches; weight, 134 pounds.

As time rolled on, disease of spine progressed and curvature of head, neck and shoulders increased, in spite of medical treatment, vigorous and severe, covering a period of eight years. Twenty-one practicing physicians, of seven towns, in a radius of 20 miles, comprising all schools, Allopathy, Hydropathy and Tomsonian, then in practice, tried their skill in experiments on this one subject. Their treatment, as a whole, comprised sweating, lobelia emetic, vomiting, purging, blistering, cupping, setons, cutting deep inci-

sions along the spine and bleeding. One doctor treated him liberally with a bed full of boiled potatoes, jugs of hot water, and bountiful potations of gin and lobelia. Another ordered a tub of cold water, and a liberal pile of stones heated. The patient was placed over the tub and a quilt thrown over him, the hot stones were put in the water till patient was in a high state of perspiration. He was then placed in a bed and lobelia freely administered. On his last visit, when the patient had attained to a desirable state of vomiting, the doctor left to attend to other duties. When the sick man had vomited to his heart's content, the inexorable lobelia would give him no respite, nor cease its demands on his heaving stomach. When he had continued to vomit 12 hours, his attendant became alarmed and resorted to pigweed tea to counteract the lobelia. This restored quiet to the stomach, and the invalid came out of the contest, receiving no benefit, except the pleasure of vomiting 12 hours. From this time his patronage of Tomsonions was not extensive. In 1840 Mr. Trask fell from a load of hay while riding from the field, whither he had gone to oversee some work. The injury occasioned by this fall brought on a fever which prostrated him for several months. He finally recovered from the fever, but the disease of spine grew worse.

At this period there was a parting of the vertebrae of neck and back. This was attended with a noise like the low crack of a whip or of the finger joints, which was distinctly heard by persons who chanced to be present. When this occurred, the invalid experienced a shock and fell prostrate, and was unable to rise or move for an hour or more. The top of the head was numb, dizziness and partial blindness followed. Medical aid was sought. The doctor, supposing the difficulty to be caused by a rush of blood to the head, resorted to bleeding. This only reduced the patient and made him worse. The wonder is that he lived through it all. One only of the twenty-one physicians had sense enough to give advice without treatment. That was Dr. A. R. Kittridge of Paris, who, after careful examination, told the patient that his case was hopeless and advised him to spend no more money for medicine or medical aid, but Mr. Trask did not fully despair of recovery. Chancing one day in 1843 to pick up a hand bill of Dr. S. C. Hewett of Boston, boasting of the marvelous cures he had wrought, Mr. Trask resolved to try again for the recovery of health. Excepting the farm, his finances had run low. With the remnant he went to Boston and tarried with Dr. Hewett three weeks, enduring hot

water treatment and attempts to straighten him by mechanical force till his waning strength failed and his body could endure no more. From the time he returned from Boston, till 1857, when his biographical history was written, his neck and back continued to curve more and more every year, drawing his head downward upon his breast till there remained but little room to press it farther without stopping entirely the movements of the jaws. Notwithstanding his infirmities, Mr. Trask continued to labor for a livelihood and sustenance for himself and family, yet he was totally unable to perform the principal portion of farm work. A few kinds he could do tolerably well. He could hoe very well, working backwards instead of forward. He was advised to throw himself upon the town, and told that a man in his condition ought not to labor, that such pauperism could not be considered a disgrace. But his soul revolted at the thought. In those days, paupers and slaves were sold at the auction block.

His historian, Sumner R. Newell, Esq., says that farming being so hard for him, and the result of his labor of so little income, that he tried peddling small articles of traffic, but his success was defeated by his uncouth figure and deformity. The ladies and children were frequently frightened, and fled whenever he made a call. Having occasion on a certain time to go a short distance from home, he was walking very slowly, as usual, when he heard a sudden crash ahead. Being unable to see but a few feet before him without bending backwards, he halted to see the cause. A few rods in front he saw a horse and carriage. The horse was attempting to "right about face," to "beat a retreat." A gentleman and lady, the occupants of the carriage, were in the act of alighting upon a hedge fence, whither they had been thrown by the frightened horse. To go to their relief would only make matters worse. He therefore remained quiet. When the horse had been quieted and order restored, the exasperated gentleman, with whip uplifted, advanced upon the innocent cripple, saying: "You nuisance, why are you here frightening my horse? I will teach you better manners! I will flog you out of your skin!" The cripple being unable to retreat, plead innocence and asked pardon for the offence. On learning the state of the case, and finding it was not a trick, the man's wrath abated, so he let the invalid off without a thrashing. He retired, saying: "Such a man had no right to appear in the streets but if he must go out the community ought to furnish him with a horse and carriage." On account of Mr. Trask's strange and pe-

culiar form, many showmen have attempted to hire him to go before the public on exhibition for pay, but he would not consent. As he viewed it, if his singular form presented a subject of curiosity and wonder, it should be free to every one. He did consent, however, to accompany his historian to New York, carrying with them a pamphlet edition, 34 pages, size 4 by 6 inches, "A brief historical sketch of the life and sufferings of Leonard Trask, the wonderful invalid." They sold the books at five or ten cents each to whoever they met and would buy. The sight of the man on the streets of the city induced many to buy. Of course their expenses were considerable. His neighbors yet living say that Mr. Trask did not profit much by the transaction. He related how a doctor in New York offered to give \$500 for his body when he should die. This talk led his family to fear, about four years later, that his grave would be robbed, when a night watch was kept some two weeks. Writer knew this man well for a term of years; was at his bedside about two weeks prior to his death, and has personal knowledge that his condition is not overdrawn or too highly colored, except the space in the cut from top of head to shoulder is twice too long.

The children of Leonard Trask born in Peru:—Susan Holman Trask, b. Apr. 8, 1833, m. Patrick Darrington; Orville K., b. Mar. 15, 1835, m. Sophia Smith in Livermore. He was Must. Co. I, 23d Me. Vols., Sept. 29, 1862, d. of small-pox in army service, Mar. 18, 1863; Sarah Elizabeth, b. Sept. 18, 1837, m. Columbus Oldham; Wm. Henry H., b. June 23, 1840. When 21 he was Must. Oct. 4, 1861, Co. H, 10th Me. Regt. At close of war service he m. Jan. 17, 1864, Betsey L., dau. of John C. Wyman and settled on home farm. Son, Bion, b. 1866, d. 1888 of consumption. Wife b. 1837, d. July 25, 1874. He m. (2nd) Mar. 6, 1882, Flora E. Philbrick of Roxbury. Children, Charles and Bert. The latter is on home farm. Parent, Wm. H., d. Apr. 9, 1903, of army disability. Widow got a pension; accrued due husband, over \$700. Her attorney deposited most of it in savings bank for her. Had a guardian held the same in trust, it might have benefited the needy woman. As it was, she fooled it away. Widow, Flora E. Trask, d. in Lewiston, May 12, 1910. Fanny Hall Trask, b. June 11, 1842, m. Jan., 1869, Alanson Lovejoy, "widowed," of Paris. It is claimed he was in army service. His grave, unmarked, is in Pond cemetery, beside wife. Wife d. Oct. 13, 1894.

Catherine Knight Trask, b. Nov., 1844, m. Wm. Quimby, North Turner; Albion K. Trask, b. Oct. 20, 1846, m. Pub., Oct. 15, 1869, Amanda M., dau. of Aaron P. Cox. No issue. Mr. Trask was a farmer and cream gatherer; res., east side of Worthy pond. He went with load of cream, Oct. 17, 1900, to East Peru R. R. station. He took a can of cream from cart and swung it to platform, fell, and life was extinct. He had a weak heart. This family were highly esteemed and good Grangers. Widow's res. on the Philo Poland farm carried on by her brother, Wm. H. Cox, whose home is with her. Eunice, the widow of Leonard Trask, remarried July 26, 1863, Nathaniel Benjamin in East Livermore. He d. Widow m. (3d) Pub., Nov. 5, 1868, Amasa Reed in Wilton. Eunice Reed, b. Nov. 11, 1809, d. Dec. 10, 1893, ae. 84 years and 29 days.

### Tracy Family

The Tracy families of Franklin and Peru are of English origin. The earliest progenitor known was Jonathan Tracy, an Englishman and a pioneer settler in Gouldsboro, Me., in 1762. He m. and had a son, Samuel Tracy, who evidently m. and had three sons, Hewey, Didymus and Wheeler, of whom the latter at least was b. in Lisbon, Me., 1797, where his wife, Nancy Gould, b. the same year, was a resident. This couple were residents of Livermore at the date of the birth of their first child, Stephen G., b. in 1821. Their other children were Orrin, Daniel, Mary, Justin T. and Granville L. Marriage. Stephen G. Tracy, m. Apr. 1, 1841, in Peru, Mary C., b. in Peru, the dau. of John Reddin and Hannah (Canwell). When 40 years of age this man Tracy enlisted from Franklin in 1861, a Pvt., Co. D, 12th Regt. Me. Vols., and d. in 1862 in the U. S. service at Ship Island. Probably an unmarked grave there. Co. D generally was Must. Nov. 15, 1861 but Adj. Genl.'s report of 1861 fails to give date of Must. of the last twelve of this Co., and the Must. of this soldier is omitted. The parents, Wheeler and Nancy Tracy, and family removed to Franklin in early twenties, occupying first a rude camp, next a more substantial structure, and about 1827 he removed to the Amos Kyle place, now owned by Benj. D. Wyman, Dickvale.

Wheeler Tracy, b. 1797, d. 1878; Nancy Tracy, b. 1797, d. 1881. Mr. Tracy was a small-sized man and fearless. It is related when on his way to a day's work early one morning he saw ahead in his path a huge black bear sitting up; he made a jump at the bear, and, swinging his hoe for a club, gave a yell, and Mr.

Bruin ran for his life. The following incidents afford a glimpse of this man's pioneer life in the borders of Peru. A partially decayed tree was standing near his camp; fearing it might do injury, he proceeded to cut it down. While thus engaged, a gust of wind carried it onto the camp, smashing the pantry and a cream-pot full of cream. John Canwell, a great lover of cream, viewing the ruins, exclaimed with emotion: "I wish all that cream was down my throat!"

Orrin Tracy, m. Pub., Feb. 24, 1862, Sarah V. Whitman of Hanover. No issue. Res., Oxford, Me. Daniel Tracy, b. perhaps in Livermore about Jan. 8, 1823, d. in Canton, Oct. 8, 1862. He m. around 1847, Eveline C. Whitman, dau. of Daniel Whitman of Mexico, Me. Children:—Charles A., b. Oct. 20, 1847, is contractor and mason at 29 Knapp St., Livermore Falls; Clifford M., b. June 20, 1857, res., Livermore; a dau. d. ae. about one year; Chas. A., m. July 25, 1875, Ida L. Whitman of Dixfield; Clifford M., m., 1880, Ada Eaton of Andover, Me. The descendants maintain the high standing and integrity of their ancestors. Mary E. Tracy, b. 1825, m. Ezekiel Lovejoy. They had two children:—Orill, b. Aug. 18, 1845, now Widow Gowell at West Peru; Susan, m. David Morse, father of Everett Morse of West Peru. Justin T. Tracy and wife, Priscilla V., res. Auburn. Their children:—Hannah Adelia, b. Nov. 17, 1855; Mary Ella, b. Apr. 25, 1857. Mr. Tracy, formerly a jobber, is now past labor. Granville L. Tracy, the last child of Wheeler and Nancy, was b. in Peru, m. Pub., July 22, 1864, Eliza M. Gowell, widow of Robert Gowell and dau. of 'Squire Bishop, formerly of Peru. Mr. Tracy earned the title of Rev. many years ago. He has served in the ministry thirty-eight years. He formerly resided in Oxford, Me. He lives in Wilton, 1910. He was one of Peru's four sons who chose the ministry as a profession without a theological course of study. He is called an interesting speaker, a Methodist now. The other ministers were Azel Lovejoy, Jr., Sumner Robinson, Jr., and Lewis C. Putnam; all four honorable and upright, above reproach.

Children of Stephen G. and Mary C. (Reddin) Tracy b. in Peru:—Wheeler, b. in 1843, ae. 18, single, was Must. from Peru, Sept. 7, 1861, in U. S. service, Co. C, 8th Regt. Me. Inf. Vols. He d. on Tybee Island, 1862; grave there. \*Government markers to him and his father in family lot, Franklin Cem. Charles J., m. Melissa J., dau. of Jackson Farnum. They are well-to-do farmers at Dickvale. Their dau., Nellie L., is school teacher. Deborah A., m. Pub., Nathaniel Farnum in 1868; res., Woodstock. Nancy

J., b. 1848, d. 1863; Henry B., b. Apr. 28, 1850, is a R. R. man; res., Stoughton, Mass. Ella A., b. d. Henry B., m. Lillian, dau. of Cyrus Tucker in Woodstock, Me. Children:—Augustus W., b. in Woodstock; Alice C.; Ethel L., b. in Stoughton; Osborn O., b. May 26, 1854, m. Julia H. Robinson of Fayette, b. June 1, 1858, d. Nov. 7, 1907. Left dau., Grace M. This man served on the board of municipal officers of Peru, 1909-10. All the brothers living have served that office at some period. Roscoe S., b. Dec. 1, 1857, m. Jan. 27, 1887, Alma B., dau. of Samuel Hammon, Jr. Their children:—Mildred A., Maurice R., Gerald, Rose L., b. May 23, 1860, m. Aaron E. Stevens in Milton, d. Apr. 13, 1907. Roscoe S. has been mail carrier, R. F. D. No. 1, since Nov. 1, 1904, making a trip of 27 miles daily from and to West Peru P. O. One son d. at the age of three months.

Statements of Chas. A. Tracy of Livermore Falls, son of Dr. Daniel S. Tracy: "I think father was b. on Severy Hill, in Carthage, in 1822. I do not know how long he lived in Peru or Franklin. He studied medicine with Dr. Geo. W. Turner in Dixfield and graduated from Bowdoin Coll., May 15, 1847, and commenced practice in Dixfield, and moved to Canton and removed to Mexico in fall of 1861. In spring of 1862 he removed to Norway. The following summer he was appointed surgeon of the 10th Regt. Me. Vols. by Gov. Israel Washburn, to fill a vacancy caused by resignation. Dr. Tracy left home for the army, Aug. 8, 1862, and joined command the 10th. He served with his command in the field nearly two months when he was prostrated with sickness and forced to return home. On his way he met a neighbor in Portland, who informed him that his wife was then on a visit at Canton, when he decided to come to Canton, and when there he was too sick to be removed and d. there in hotel, Oct. 8, 1862. His grave is in Pine Woods Cem., bearing a headstone with date and age, 39 years, nine months. His widow remarried E. W. Allen in Canton, where she d. Feb. 15, 1890."

### Turner Genealogy

Humphrey Turner, the tanner, came from Essex, England, and settled in Scituate, in the Colony of New Plymouth, about the year 1628. He brought with him him four children, and had four afterwards. His wife was Lydia Gamer. Their son, Joseph, never m. Their daughters were, in part, Lydia, m. James Dougherty; Mary, m. William Parker. The venerable Charles Turner, b.

in Scituate, Co. of Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 27, O. S. 1705, m. Eunice James, and d. Oct. 3, N. S., 1782, ae. 77 years, five days. His wife b. Jan. 27, O. S. 1707, d. Aug. 15, 1798, ae. 91 years, six months, 18 days. They had seven children. Their oldest son, Rev. Charles, b. in Scituate, Mass., Oct. 26, O. S. 1732; graduated at Harvard Coll., 1752; settled minister at Duxbury, 1755; elected senator, Mass., 1773-1788, 15 years. Member of convention that ratified U. S. Constitution in 1788. In 1791 he removed his family to town of Turner, Dist. of Maine. In 1803 was a member of College of Electors for choice of Pres. and Vice Pres., and visited Boston last time on that official duty. He d. in Turner in 1818, in the 86th year of his age. As a minister and patriot he was conspicuous and a man without reproach. The General Court of Mass. gave to Sylvester Plantation on its incorporation the name of Turner, from the great respect it held for the character and service of the Rev. Charles Turner. His wife was Mary Rand; had eight children. Col. William, the youngest son of venerable Charles, grad. Harvard, 1767, had two wives, (1st) Elizabeth Oakman, and (2nd) Eunice Clapp. The oldest child by second wife was Wm. Turner; the youngest child by second wife was George Turner.

Col. William Turner, the youngest son of the venerable Charles Turner, graduated at Harvard in 1767. At the commencement of the Revolution he raised a Co. of volunteers in Scituate and marched for the relief of Boston. In opening the effective batteries upon Dorchester Heights, he displayed the intrepidity of his character, and was soon afterwards appointed aid to Gen. Washington, with the rank of Maj. He served in every active campaign of the Revolution, though when the army retired into winter quarters he generally repaired to his family or to the halls of legislation. In 1777 and 1778 he was a member of the General Court of Mass. He was also a member of the convention which formed the Constitution of that state, and also of a Special Congress of Delegates which was holden at Concord to adjust the public currency; but whenever the spring opened and the army again took the field, Maj. Turner, like a true bird of passage, was seen annually flying to the standard of his country. He served at different periods of the war as aid to Genls. Washington, Lee, Greene, Lincoln and Knox. After the close of the Revolution he served for a few years in the Legislature, as representative from Scituate. In 1801 he removed his family to Turner, where he d. in 1807, ae. 62, and where a suitable monument has been

erected to his memory by his dau., Mrs. Oriens Humphrey of Boston.

Col. Wm. Turner, m. (1st) Elizabeth Oakman, (2nd) Eunice Clapp. Had 11 children. Oldest, William Turner, who m. Betsey Smith; Betty Turner, who m. Joseph Tilden; Xoa Turner, who d. Dec. 12, 1815; Charles Lee, b. 1777, m. Cascarilla Child, dau. of Dr. Child of Turner, d. Oct. 9, 1858, ae. 81 years; Stephen, d. 1814, on Canadian frontier, m. Nabby Cooper; Eunice, m. Martin Burr; Fanny, m. Wm. Lee; Oriens, m. Benj. Humphrey; Nancy, m. Briggs Sampson; Aphia, u. m.; George, the youngest, d. Dec. 5, 1793.

The Rev. Chas. Turner, son of venerable Charles, who m. Mary Rand, had a dau., Eunice, who m. James Torrey of Scituate. Their children were:—William T. Torrey, a graduate of Harvard Coll.; Eunice, Charles, Sally R., Harriett, and Grace Torrey. Wm. T. Torrey, m. Elizabeth James; Chas. Torrey, m. Hannah T. Turner. James Torrey, son of James T. (author of table), m. Bethia Clapp. Had 10 children. Mary T., Wm. H., who m. Mary H. Howe, Horatio, Elijah C., and Charles Torrey, who m. Ruth Turner. Their children were Harriett W. and Perkins C. This family and their parents lived many years and d. at North Turner. They had an elegant residence about a mile from the village. Chas. Torrey d. Nov. 7, 1870.

The Turner families of the towns of Turner, Livermore, Peru, Guilford, and scattered about in many other towns, are lineal descendants of Humphrey and Lydia (Gamer) Turner of Essex, England. They had, as stated, eight children. The fourth in the chronological table was John, who m. Mary Brewster. They had 12 children. The ninth was John, Jr., who m. Abigail Podeshall. They had seven children. The seventh and last was named Abiel (as then spelled). Abiel m. Elizabeth Robinson. They had 10 children, as follows:—Robinson, Peggy, and Bethia, did not live to marry; Nabby, m. Benj. Thomas; Anna, m. Sylvanus Hatch; Bethia, m. Joseph Tolman; Martha, m. Elijah Clapp; Abial, Jr., m. Luzanna Sylvester; Rowland, m. Hannah Shevrick. Continuing the branch in pursuit, Abial, Jr., and wife, Luzanna Turner, had eight children, as follows:—Hannah, m. Daniel Child, son of Dr. Daniel Child, who came to Turner, 1801, Peggy, and Peggy did not live to marry; Robinson, b. in Scituate, Mass., Sept. 12, 1767; Clarissa, John, Ephraim, Abial, Jr., 2nd. The last three brothers were early settlers in Livermore. Some of their descendants are yet living there.

Robinson Turner, son of Abial, Jr., and Luzanna Turner, m. Lillis Ford of Duxbury, Mass., about 1788. She was b. Apr. 13, 1767. Her mother's maiden name was Sarah Gannett. She m. (1st) Daniel Pettengill, who was the grandfather of Waldo Pettengill's grandfather, had a son and dau., of whom Comfort Pettengill of Livermore Falls and Polly Pettengill, wife of Perkins, a son of Robinson Turner, were descendants. Pettengill was killed by overturn of load of masts. Widow m. (2nd), May 10, 1766, Amos Ford and had the dau., Lillis, mentioned. Robinson, after marriage, lived (1st) at Duxbury, Mass., where their son, Bradish Turner, was b., Mar. 22, 1789. There were 11 births, seven single and four double, in this family; 15 children, 13 of whom are named. Their first, Robinson, Jr., d. young. Perkins and Clara, b. Jan. 31, 1794; Amos, b. Aug. 7, 1796, in Turner, on Genl. Turner Hill, and rest of the children b. there. Robinson, Jr., b. July 27, 1799; Sally and Lurana, twins, no date; Sally d. Sept. 23, 1835. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 1, 1804; Lucy, b. Aug. 13, 1806; Ann, b. Sept. 25, 1808; John and Howard, b. May 12, 1811; Saphrona, no date. Sally fell from a horse, injured head and brain, rendering her a cripple and pauper.

Bradish Turner and wife, Abigail, b. in Hanover, Mass., Mar. 22, 1782. Had children:—Lydia, b. 1812, d. Feb. 2, 1858; Lurania, b. Apr. 11, 1813, m. Everett Conant of Turner, a farmer, whose farm joined that of Bradish Turner, one mile from Turner Vill., and raised a family of nine children, of whom Sarah L. d. Jan. 13, 1870, ae. 17 years; Howard T., b. 1842, was a soldier. 23d Me., m., has five daughters grown up. He became successor on the Bradish Turner Farm, where he cared for his mother and the surviving members of his grandfather's family, of whom Saphronia, b. Apr. 6, 1819, was living in 1909 and at the spinning wheel. Everett Conant d. Dec. 28, 1868, ae. 59 years, eight months. His wife d. Aug. 11, 1892. Abigail Turner, b. 1815, d. Sept. 27, 1849. James Bailey, b. Oct. 6, 1817, m. Apr. 26, 1846, Dolly E. Beedy of Phillips. His res. was Wayne Vill. He ran a sash and blind factory several years. They had two daughters. Howard T. Conant, d. at home farm, Feb. 19, 1911, ae. about 70 years, leaving six daughters:—Mrs. Clifton Davis, Minot; Mrs. Chas. Hodgdon, Waterville; Mrs. Chas. Lothrop, Auburn; Mrs. Ernest Staples, Mrs. George Sampson and Miss Etta Conant in Turner. She has always lived at home and faithfully took care of her mother, who d. several years ago, and her father. Son, Frank, d. a few years ago. Two brothers survive, Sanford of

Hartford, and Edwin in Ohio, and a brother-in-law, John Atkins, in Turner. He leaves five grandchildren and one great-grand-child.

Bradish Sylvester, b. May 15, 1821, lived and cared for parents on the home farm; did not m. He was a devoted Christian, a member of the Baptist church. He d. Feb. 2, 1898, ae. 76 years. Leonard, b. 1824, d. Feb. 23, 1857; u. m. He was thought to be the flower of the family and to fond parent a child of much promise; had talent for music. Alas! the flower was plucked too soon.

Bradish Turner worked at the trade of barn builder many years. Later he established a soap manufactory on his farm. He did a flourishing business in connection with farming. He and all his family were devoted Christians, members of the Baptist church, and were held in high esteem by all. He was the life of a social meeting in song and exhortation. He d. Apr. 11, 1882, ae. 93 years, 10 months. His wife, Abigail, d. Feb. 19, 1873, ae. 91 years, 11 months. Miss Saphronia, the last child and the oldest member in Turner Baptist church, was called to her reward Mar. 30, 1911. She was a woman of unfailing faith. The Bible and "The Zion's Advocate" were her great sources of delight.

Robinson Turner was by occupation a house carpenter and hewer of timber. He removed with a portion of his family from Turner to Township No. 1, and lot No. 1, bordering on Jay line, Canton, as early as 1812. Records show he was chosen one of the school committee in 1813. July 1, 1814, Isaac Robinson of said Township conveyed to him, by warranty deed, one-half of said lot, 50 acres, "more or less," where he settled. It is today the Geo. Libby farm. The consideration in the deed is \$89. In 1816, the year noted for killing frosts, bread was scarce. This man secured two silver dollars. He walked to Wayne Vill. by spotted trees, 25 miles, paid \$2 for a bushel of rye meal and carried the meal home on his shoulder, and the children sat up till 12 o'clock that night waiting for the rye cake, baked in the spider on the hearth, for their supper. Among the number was Robinson, Jr. Bradish, the oldest, had m. and settled in Turner about 1811. Perkins and Amos and several of the girls worked away. Still the family was large, their house small and they were poor. There was no barn to store crops, and but little farming done for several years. The head of the family worked at his trade, serving the neighbors. He grew a patch of flax, which kept the women busy carding and spinning tow and weaving tow cloth for family apparel. The son, Robinson, told how he wore pants and shirts, one

suit lasting just a year, and the shrieves of flax, still adhering to the cloth, would often chafe the skin to a painful degree. This son, the year he was of age, 1820, logged to mill lumber, and built a new set of farm buildings, which, as remodeled, are yet in use. The town line, Peru and Canton, going south from the river, divided the house and chimney at the center. In Sept., 1830, the parent Robinson deeded to son one-half of his land purchase, it being the easterly half on town line. His house was on the knoll a few rods above the present house. And thus they continued to occupy till the spring of 1836, when his wife's health failing, he sold the remainder of his land to Robinson, Jr., and soon after broke up housekeeping and went to live with Robinson, Jr., in his last years.

Robinson Turner was strong and vigorous, and with the exception of rheumatic lameness was well and active. Though he was not required to do any labor, he chose to hew the mill beams (18 inches square) for son's grist mill in 1844, when about 77 years old. No man could do a better job with a broad axe. He lived a devoted Christian life. He had great regard for Baptist Conference and was a constant attendant. His wife, Lillis, went to live with dau., Lucy, and husband, Jefferson Hall, then living on the farm owned by Warren F. Curtis at Worthly pond. She d. there Oct. 19, 1841, ae. 74 years, six months, and was buried in the Turner lots in Merrill Knight Cem., where rest her husband, and son, Robinson, Jr., with his two wives and dau., Lauraette.

Perkins Turner, while making a clearing and preparing to build, found an old Indian camp on his lot of land. Indians were seen occasionally passing. Bones and hair were found in bed of brook, evidently washed from Indian grave on embankment. An Indian stone gauge is in the family relics, also a mortar and pestle used by hat makers.

Perkins Turner, when a young man, learned the trade of hatter. He and one Moses Dennett, at East Peru, 1822, engaged in the manufacture of tall fur hats that were in fashion in the early twenties. They were fashioned by hand, made of fur taken from skins of beavers attached to silk fabric. There was a new method of making hats by machinery soon after that ended hand make, and Perkins Turner began the life of a farmer. He purchased of James Lunt the lot of land bordering on the Androscoggin river at Moore's Rips (so-called), so named by the Anasagunticook Indians at Camp Rocomeco. He continued here through life. His

survivors, Mary A. Babb, her son, Amos A., and grandson, own and occupy the premises.

Perkins Turner m., 1822, Polly Pettengill, the dau. of Mathew and Bethia (Ford) Pettengill. Each of this married couple had one common ancestor in Sarah Gannett. Oliver Wendell Holmes once spoke of his long, way-off cousin. This nearness of kin failed to rob the next generation of abundance of wit. The following repartee is from dau., Mary Ann. Speaking of this relation having fools for children, she tells writer that his father once kept company with her mother's sister, "Betsey," who expected him to marry her, but instead he married Betsey Benson. She adds: "You may be very thankful that you escaped being a half-wit, as I am." Regardless of kin, writer finds her more than his match. Children:—Augustus M., b. Jan. 2, 1824, d. Feb. 27, 1853, m. Jan. 14, 1850, at North Monmouth, Jane N., b. Sept. 19, 1822, dau. of Jairus Manwell of Wayne. Had son, Augustus Rodolphus, b. Sept. 3, 1852. This man bought a sawmill and water power that he operated at North Monmouth. He was ambitious, took a severe cold, and d. of fever. His widow d. May 16, 1896. Their graves are unmarked in cemetery, not far from Leeds Ctr., over the hill, west. He is remembered for his sallies of wit. It was hard to corner him. It is due to Pettengill personage. Augustus R., m. a lady in West Mt. Vernon. Had children:—Walter, who d. young; Eleon May, m. Husband and two children dead. Wife in Mt. Vernon died. He m. (2nd) Ida Manchester, "widow," was Miss Anderson of N. H. No issue. This man and wife were on board the ill-fated steamer Portland that went to the bottom of the sea, the 27th of Nov., 1898. Their bodies were sought for and never found of those washed ashore. Mr. Turner was engaged in canvassing for and compiling registers a term of years. The next child of Perkins was Amos, b. Sept. 11, 1827, d. Feb. 9, 1832; Mary Ann, b. Dec. 11, 1830, m. Hezekiah W. Babb; Amos, b. Sept. 23, 1833, d. Sept. 19, 1866, m. Mar. 6, 1862, Emma, b. 1841, dau. of Edward Barbar. Children:—Alice, b. Dec. 23, 1864, d. 1866; Howard, b. Mar. 2, 1863; Henry, b. June 7, 1866, d. Sept. 28, 1866.

Family of Amos Turner, the son of Robinson Turner, Sr.; marriage to Miss Olive Bass:

Olive Bass, b. Jan. 23, 1800, m. (1st) Dec. 20, 1821, Amos Turner, b. Turner, Aug. 28, 1796, d. Greene, Me., July 16, 1824, m. (2nd) May 28, 1835, John Adams, b. 1797, d. Greene, Me., Dec. 9, 1838. She d. Mar. 15, 1839. Three children.

Jane Turner, b. Greene, Nov. 6, 1822, m. May 10, 1846, Salmon Tirrell, b. Oct. 12, 1807, d. Aug. 10, 1880. She d. Mar. 31, 1897. Two children. Delia Maria Tirrell, b. Auburn, May 22, 1851, m. Apr. 4, 1873, Frank A. Wright. One child. Edith Louise Wright, b. Apr. 1, 1876; Salmon Tirrell, b. Sept. 19, 1855; Olive Turner, b. Turner, Aug. 1, 1824, m. Sept. 19, 1847, Wm. R. Wright, Lewiston; Nelson Whitman Adams, b. Greene, Apr. 29, 1836, m. Mary W. Burchard, b. Jan. 9, 1857. No children; res., Turner Cent.; farmer.

Amos Turner and family lived in the town of Greene, in village, above corner. He was laying shingles on the roof of the barn, known 30 years after as the Dea. Elijah Barrell barn. In the act of whittling a shingle, he drew knife towards body and blade slipped from shingle, inflicting fatal wound in abdomen. Elizabeth Turner, m. Philip Andrew of England; Lucy, m. Jefferson Hall of Peru.

### Robinson Turner, Jr.

Robinson Turner, Jr., was b. in Turner on Genl. Turner Hill (so-called), July 27, 1799. He came with parents to Peru when about 12 years of age. He continued with them, and when about 21 he made preparation and built on town line of Peru and Canton a set of buildings on easterly half of lot purchased by his father in 1814, when deed was given, and doubtless contracted for years before. He m. Feb. 8, 1830, Betsey, the dau. of Ichabod and Betsey (Goodin) Benson. She was b. in Lewiston, May 15, 1808. When grown up she worked one fall for Geo. Walker, doing housework and dressing apples at fifty cents per week, store pay. She taught a term of school in the first schoolhouse built in town, in 1829, on Town House Hill, and the schoolhouse was the Town House. Children, four. First d. an infant. Hellis, b. Dec. 28, 1832; Lauriette, b. Aug. 31, 1840, d. Dec. 24, 1854; Alonzo Mel- len, b. Oct. 3, 1854.

The subject of this sketch was engaged in farming and doing some town business till the spring of 1839, when he sold his farm to Capt. Peleg Mitchell of Turner and removed to Peru Cent. Here he had purchased, Mar. 22, 1832, thirty acres of land of Hezekiah Walker, Esq., adjoining James Lunt's mill lot, and Nov. 28, 1838, he purchased a few acres, with house and barn, of Jefferson Hall, then living on said lot. This land was a part of the mill lot, Lot No. 2 in town Plan., and adjoining the land purchased of Hezekiah Walker, that being the easterly part of Lot



1844. ALONZO M. TURNER. 1864.

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No. 1, both in Range 1, Lunt's Lower Tract. The buildings of Hall occupied the ground where stand the buildings of Chas. H. Kidder. The house and ell were built new, and the old house moved back was made the wood-shed, in 1841. The granite door-steps fronting River Road were cut and dressed by Thomas Brackett, oldest son of Maj. Wm. and Betty Brackett, a soldier of the Revolution. The first mill here was built or owned by James Lunt and so recognized in Plantation meeting, Apr. 6, 1820, when it was voted "that the road laid out from Benj. Fobes' to James Lunt's mill should be accepted, and discontinue the old one from Geo. Walker's to the River Road." There was much sickness in the family of Robinson Turner, Jr., for 14 years. Wife, Betsey, was an invalid, suffering from spinal trouble induced by overwork, too much spinning and weaving. She was a Christian woman and had intercourse with the Heavenly Father. She never murmured, but was always cheerful and resigned to her lot. She d. Feb. 21, 1852, ac. 43 years, nine months.

Robinson m. (2nd) Eleanor Sheffield, b. Sept. 9, 1815, the dau. of Geo. and Melinda Walker. She m. (1st) Nov. 22, 1833, Daniel C. Sheffield, and had by him four children. He deserted family. She got a bill of divorce. She had by second marriage, son, Geo. R., b. Jan. 12, 1854. He is m. and living, last accounts, at Franklin Park, Mass. Eleanor d. Jan. 20, 1864. Robinson Turner sold his farm, mill and the most of goods in the fall of 1864 and went with son, Geo. R., to live with Howard Turner, a younger brother, in Guilford village. They were associates in a grist mill there about one year. He next located at Bretton's Mills, Livermore, where he bought of Seth Turner a gristmill, house and land. He was there tending the mill and boarding with a family in the house in Apr., 1866, when son, Hollis, returned from army service, Co. D, 12th Me., and at his parent's request settled and made a home for him the remainder of life. He m. Nov. 26, 1866, Emily M., b. Apr. 23, 1842, dau. of Hiram and Judith Colby of Hill, N. H. One child, Cora E., b. Nov. 12, 1867, m. June 13, 1886, in Peru, Elroy M. Gammon. Three children, Mary, b. May 28, 1890, d. Dec. 23, 1894, of diphtheria; Louise Estelle, b. Aug. 13, 1893; Hollis Stuart, b. June 19, 1895. Their mother d. Oct. 23, 1907.

Alonzo M. Turner did not marry. He enlisted in 27th Me., 1864. Was wounded in hand, pending an engagement with the enemy, given a furlough home. He next served an enlistment in

Home Guards, California. From that he entered Cavalry service in regular army, term of enlistment five years. Had charge of a mule loaded with baggage, in a ravine out in the wilds one dark night when his command was surrounded by hostile Indians, sounding the war-whoop. A desperate struggle followed, and our hero brought the pack mule safely away. For that heroic conduct he was promoted to corporal. But such army life proved too strenuous for long duration. He had served about half of his term of enlistment, in the early summer of 1874. There was mention in the papers about that time of a large percent of unavailable army force, by reason of insanity, or partial derangement. Command was stationed 30 miles from base of supplies. Several, including this soldier, were given leave of absence to visit this post for the purpose of purchasing clothing, etc., and some of them, including the subject of this sketch, privately informed the officer in charge of the squad that they might not return, but no objection was raised. They went and this soldier continued his tramp across the country, stopping occasionally to earn by labor a little money to pay his bills. He was a good part of the summer and early fall reaching the southern part of Illinois. It was here his absence from his command was first revealed to writer. There came a telegram from a person unknown, saying your brother is about to be committed to the asylum. Wrote for further information and learned that he had been taken to Elgin asylum. He had violated no law, nor offered any harm, but said something favoring religion that displeased the hotel keeper where he stopped. Writer found him in normal condition of mind, sound and regular at the above institution, Nov. 29, 1874, and took him home to Livermore. He continued all right till the next March; first symptoms, a disturbance of nerve force; walked the floor nights, at times laughing and dancing. One day he took a young high-spirited horse, turned loose from stable to door yard, and with whip in hand gave first lesson of Rairy method. He secured prompt obedience to every call and motion of whip; manoeuvred him about several minutes and back to stall as though he was well trained. The next day he turned horse loose for second lesson. He took his position, whip raised in hand, gave command, when horse shook his head, kicked up both hind legs and ran away. There chanced to be several horses running at large about the village, and they all took a race down the road, followed by the horse trainer, without bridle

or halter. In about ten minutes the drove of horses came back on full run, trainer on horse's back, horse under full control. As they turned the corner leading to stable under full speed, rider turned a somersault from back of horse over a picket fence landing in front yard, snow nearly two feet deep. Across the street was a store where several were viewing the free exhibition. Seeing they were much pleased, he next turned somersault over picket fence, back and forth a few times. From this time on, lunacy increased and he was taken to Augusta asylum, where he remained till Nov. Returning to Livermore he spent the winter of 1875-6 with writer, showing no signs of lunacy. In early spring he desired to join a party of emigrants to California, declaring that he liked the climate there much better than in Maine. Writer paid all expense and bills at Augusta and furnished all the money he desired to make the journey to California. He suffered but little from aberration of mind for several years. He was furnished a good home twenty-five years, approximately, at Napa State Hosp. While hitching up team to drive, he was suddenly stricken with heart failure, June 27, at 9.15 A. M., 1907. Grave at Hosp. Cem.

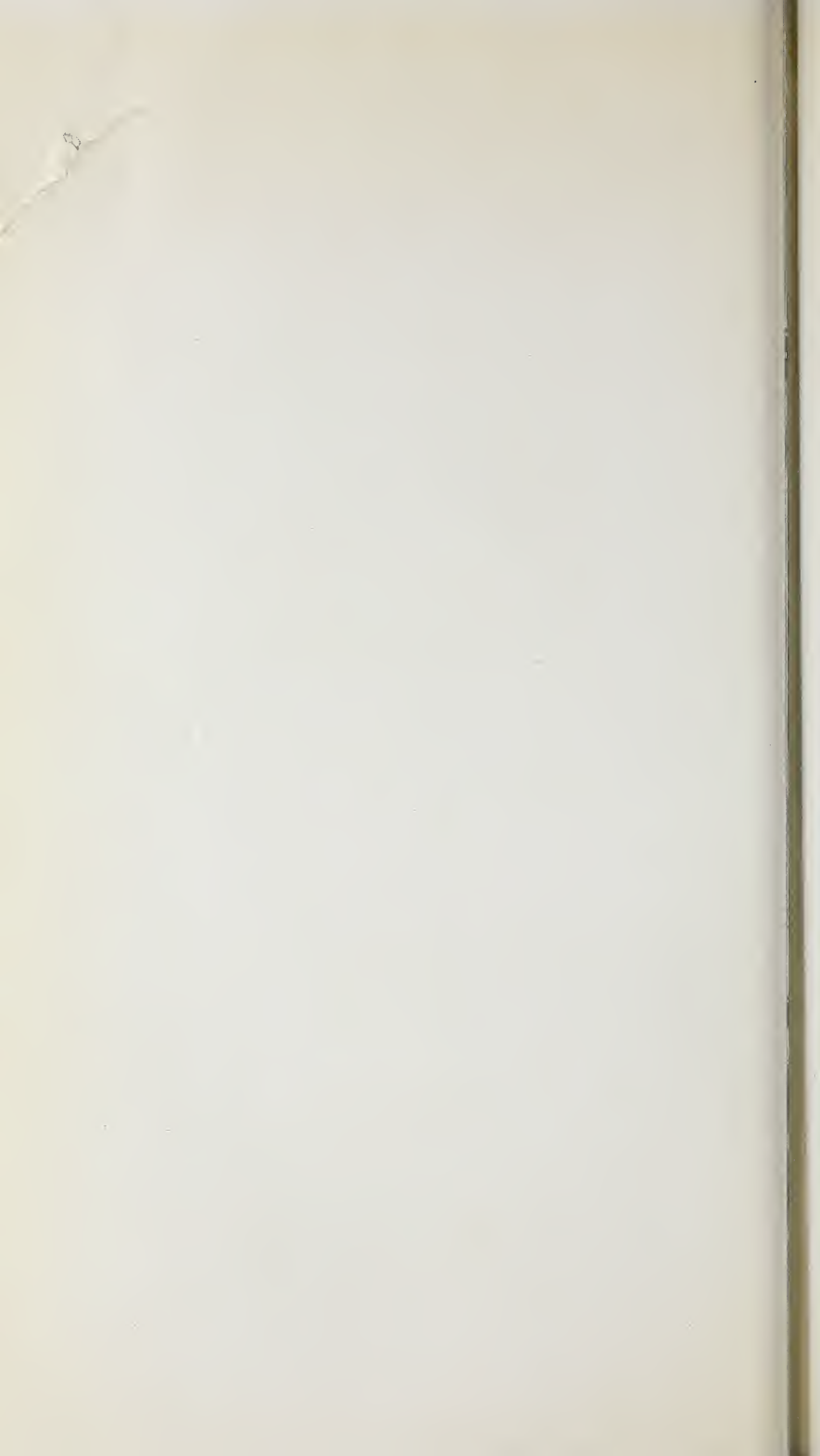
The following is an extract from a letter written by Charlena Greene Ketcham to writer, concerning this man: "421 Seminary St., Napa City, California, Aug. 30, 1904. Dear Friend Hollis:— You will see by this that I am in Napa, and yesterday walked out to the asylum, which is some ways from where I am stopping, but I am glad I went, for I saw your brother, Alonzo, who is well and looking fine; he is a very nice looking man, and they all speak so well of him there; he is honest, trustworthy, and well liked. I only saw him for a short time, but he seemed to talk all right; inquired about all my folks, etc., and wanted to know if you were still station agent there (Peru). It is a nice place there and very nicely kept. They told me they had some 1400 patients. I am on my way to the southern part of the state, and I shall visit my son in Nebraska, who was married the 6th of this month. I did not get to the wedding, as I wanted to see more of California."

Hollis Turner sold his mill property at Livermore in the spring of 1876. In late fall of 1878 he removed to Peru and settled on the Marston Gerrish farm, then owned by O. C. Hopkins, and purchased of him. This was his home till Sept., 1905. It was here he was bereft first of a grandchild, Mary Gammon; next his beloved wife; as she arose from bed, apparently in full

vigor, at six o'clock A. M., Oct. 19, 1903, was stricken senseless without a moment's warning, with apoplexy, and deceased about four P. M. A good woman was taken from the confines of earth like the snuffing out of a candle, and transported amid a retinue of angels to the Celestial City on high. This is no dream or delusion, but substantiated by positive evidence to writer at the time of events. If humanity was in closer touch with Divinity, there might be more revelations from the Angelic Host. In just four years and four days from date of death of Emily M. Turner, our only child, Mrs. Cora T. Gammon departed this life, firm in the faith of a Christian's hope that it will be well with her in the spirit land. Over one year and a half, writer kept bachelor's hall and carried on home farm, a little lonesome but independent. He m. May 12, 1905, Sarah E. Robinson, widow of Jacob Robinson of Monmouth, Me. Her maiden name was Chick, dau. of Levi Jefferson and Cordelia F. (Allen) Chick. Her mother's father, Joseph Allen, was one of the three "first" settlers in Monmouth in 1774. The family were farmers, came from Berwick. Chick was of Scotch descent and Allen of English. Sarah E. Chick was b. June 2, 1838, attended town schools, Litchfield and Monmouth Academies. She attended the last named school in 1855 and 1856, when writer was assistant under Rev. F. V. Norcross of Dixfield. She was then reading Virgil, and later read Horace. At the age of fifteen she began school teaching and followed it thirty years in succession, unmarried. She has regained lost time by marrying three times, and each time to a "widowed" husband. No issue. Her parents were members of Baptist church, the leading church in Monmouth when she was a girl and became a member. She is of fine culture and possesses a high order of intellectual endowments. She gains the friendship of all and seldom or never displeases. Rev. Mr. Norcross was the only clergyman preceptor Monmouth Academy ever had. He was instrumental in leading several of his pupils to accept Christ, and writer was one of the number baptized by Rev. D. B. Holt, Methodist pastor in Monmouth. Rev. Mr. Norcross m. (1st) Martha L. Morrill of Wilton. He located in the ministry in Union, Me. Wife d. No issue. He m. Nov. 4, 1878, a dau. of Otis and Hannah Little, b. in Bremen. Nov. 13, 1832, d. Nov. 7, 1909, at Newcastle, where they had lived since retirement from active ministry. No issue. He d. there Jan. 30, 1910, in his 81st year, after a short sickness of pneumonia.



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His only brother, of Portland, Oregon, ae. 84 years, survives him. A good man gone to his reward.

Ann, dau. of Robinson and Lillis Turner, b. Sept. 25, 1808, m., judging from birth of first child, about 1840, Abiather Briggs, b. 1800, d. Apr. 15, 1875, ae. 75 years, one month. Wife d. Feb. 28, 1855. Their children:—Cyrus, b. Mar. 4, 1841, d. Oct. 5, 1862, ae. 21 years; Lydia b. in Parkman, 1846, m. Chas. Averill Morgan, 1869, and d. in Sangerville, Aug. 9, 1881. Husband d. in Guilford, May 19, 1897. Their children:—Mary Morgan, b. Sangerville, July 22, 1871, d. by accidental drowning Oct. 12, 1896; Fred Morgan, b. June 20, 1873; Grace E. Morgan, b. Guilford, Feb. 2, 1875, both living; Eunice Briggs, b. 1847, d. July 7, 1867, ae. 20; Charles Briggs, m. Dec. 12, 1871, Dora Houston. No children. Res., Bangor.

Howard, the son of Amos and Emma Turner, m. Apr. 18, 1886, Alice M. Jackson, dau. of Joseph and Mary, in Danville, Me. Children:—Nina L., b. Sept. 24, 1887, m. in Peru, Nov. 29, 1906, Wilmer B. Kidder. Their son, Donald W., b. June 10, 1907. Edward H. Turner, b. Jan. 6, 1892, d. Sept. 13, 1908, death caused by drawing gun by muzzle from boat. There were four deaths in Maine from same cause that year. Beware how you handle the gun. Widow, Emma Turner, remarried, Apr. 25, 1885, Wilson Stillman, "widowed." No issue. Mr. Stillman erected the set of buildings at Peru Cent. now owned by Irving Kidder, of the firm of Kidder Bros., who carry on feed mill and general country store at Peru Cent. He was engaged blacksmithing, making and repairing carts and sleds a term of years up to his death, Apr. 1, 1905. Widow, Emma Stillman, d. at the home of her niece, Mrs. Dennis A. Harriman, Rumford, Apr. 21, 1909. She was a Christian, strong in Universalist faith as taught her in childhood. She made it her duty to observe the Lord's day, and if possible attend church regularly. She had regard for her soul's interest and would not allow the allurements of worldly pleasure to deter her from observing the commandments of God.

Howard Turner, b. May 13, 1811, the son of Robinson Turner, Sr., m. Sept. 30, 1833, Betsey E. Sargent, b. Aug. 4, 1813. They lived at Guilford village, where he d. Mar. 6, 1874, ae. 62 years, nine months, 23 days. She d. Aug. 13, 1897, ae. 84 years. Their children:—Robinson, b. Mar. 17, 1834, m. 1874, A'ma Liscombin. No children. He d. Feb. 9, 1901. Wife living, July, 1907, at

Skowhegan. Julia L., b. Jan. 8, 1837, m. 1863. Daniel Crockett. He d. Sept. 19, 1880. She d. Feb. 20, 1885, leaving four children, mentioned elsewhere. Zadoc L., b. Aug. 6, 1838, m. (1st) June 26, 1864, Samantha A. Bates of Corinna. No issue. She d. Oct. 23, 1867, ae. 24 years, three months; m. (2nd) Dec. 25, 1873, Jennie L. Piper Hayden. Child, Chas. Piper Turner. The last son of Howard Turner was Geo. Howard, b. Dec. 2, 1859, m. at Kineo, Me., Feb. 1, 1905, Minnie Viola Kelley. One child, Julia Celeste Turner, b. Mar. 17, 1906. They live at Kineo, Moosehead Lake. He is in store. The four children of Daniel and Julia L. Crockett are Annette J., b. Jan. 2, 1864, m. Sept. 23, 1885, Frank McAllister, who later deserted wife, divorced Oct. 8, 1891. She is living, 1907, with married sister at Dorchester, Mass. Howard H. Crockett, b. Jan. 15, 1867, d. June, 1891.

Samantha A. Crockett, b. Sept. 19, 1870, m. John B. Glawson, July 22, 1890. Three children:—John B., Jr., b. Aug. 18, 1892; Howard D., b. Sept. 16, 1895; Geo. Robinson, b. Nov. 8, 1896; all living in Dorchester, Mass. Daniel M. Crockett, b. Dec. 10, 1873, m. Emma M. Colburn, Dec. 10, 1902, Needham, Mass. Charles Piper Turner, b. <sup>Jan 29, 1874</sup> Dec. 1, 1859, m. Oct. 5, 1903, Bessie Flora Shepherd, and live at Guilford. This branch of the Turner family were smart, enterprising, of Christian character, and ranked with the leading citizens. The parent kept the hotel in the village a term of years, and was followed by son, Robinson. He also was concerned in the gristmill there. In politics they favored Democracy, and in religion were Universalist sound. They participated in town affairs. Robinson was chosen moderator of town meetings a term of years. Such are the vicissitudes of life, that at the outbreak of the Civil War he chanced to be doing business South. After the war progressed, he was forced to enter the Confederate service. The 8th of March, 1862, found him an under officer on board the Merrimac during the destruction of the Cumberland, and her battle with the Monitor on the morning of the 9th. When the Merrimac was abandoned, he deemed term of service ended and returned home to Maine.

### Eliphalet Tucker

Eliphalet Tucker removed from Poland to the Josiah Hall farm. At March meeting, 1829, he was chosen school agent. He had nine children:—William, b. in Poland, 1810, m. Lydia, b. 1812,

dau. of Levi Ludden, in Peru; Chandler, m., lived and d. in Illinois; Rufus, m. in Mass., d. in Illinois; Isaac, b. in Peru, 1829, went to N. H. last known; Rachel P. T., m. Pub., Aug. 10, 1845, Morrison Saul of Blackstone, Mass.; Mary Ann, m. Pub., July 11, 1835, John Wormell in Peru; Susan, m. Mar. 22, 1832, Gideon Norris, family moved, around 1850, to Livermore; Abigail, m. Sept. 4, 1831, Seth Morse in Paris; Sarah, m. a Kennison, d. in Indiana. Mr. Tucker m. (2nd) Pub., Apr. 14, 1832, Mary Bates of Buckfield. He d. on home farm, 1860. Widow lived and d. in family of son William, successor on the farm.

Family of Wm. and Lydia Tucker. Mr. Tucker removed to West Peru Vill. in 1864, after sale of farm to Josiah Hall. This couple continued here through life. Mr. Tucker departed this life, 1880; his wife, 1890. Their dau., Mrs. Emily I. Bearce, now owns and occupies their stand. They ranked with the best citizens in town; were highly respected and admired by all. They reared a family of likely, well-bred children.

Oscar M. Tucker, b. Feb. 28, 1840; Harriet Lunt, b. Mar. 11, 1842; Hannibal Smith, b. Nov. 13, 1844; Emily I., b. Aug. 7, 1846; Ella R., b. Apr. 10, 1848, m. Dr. C. M. Bisbee, b. in Canton, a resident a term of years at Jackson Vill., Sumner, where wife d.; Wm. Lyman, b. Oct. 19, 1850, m. Miss Burton, farmers in Kansas; Eugene M., b. Dec. 29, 1852, m. Ira Parlin in Peru. Oscar M. is one of Peru's classical scholars. He was pursuing his studies when Civil War began. He laid aside books, served on enlistment, Sergt. Co. F, 23d Me. Vols. Resumed his studies, graduated at Bates Coll., took a preparatory course fitting as preceptor in New York, and served as instructor in seminary at Wilkinsburg, Pa., a term of years till failing health required a change. He is employed in decorative landscape. He m. Aug. 30, 1865, Harriet Emily, dau. of Wm. Bowers Walton of Peru. Child, Mertry, a graduate of Mt. Holly. This family have done credit to their ancestry and to their native town. Hannibal S., m. Roena Sharp in Indianapolis, Ind., where they located and kept a glove store. Their children are Willie, Charles, Roena, Eleanor. Mr. Tucker was Pvt. Co. F, 23d Me. Vols., and served enlistment. He left an honorable record and passed to higher life in 1906. Wife and children continue home residence.

## Wing Brothers

The progenitors of a large number of Wing families in Peru and Franklin, also in Leeds, were two brothers, Stephen in Peru, and Reuben of those in Franklin. Their sister, Mercy, m. Azel Lovejoy, and her sons, Azel, Jr., and Jacob, were eminent men. The first named was in the ministry, and the last in law. Another sister, Mehitable, m. one Jacob Lovejoy, the father of Ezekiel, Gardner and others. Stephen Wing and wife, Patty Howard, with children, Jacob, b. May 24, 1803; Wm., b. Dec. 7, 1806; Abigail, b. June 19, 1809; Elmira, b. Jan. 4, 1813; Stephen, Jr., b. Apr. 22, 1815; and Lewis, b. July 4, 1817, were all here in 1821, at the taking of census. Their second child, Dianna, b. Jan. 11, 1804, and Betsey, b. May 4, 1808, do not appear in 1821. Evidently they had d. Record shows that Jacob m. Mar. 25, 1827, Betsey Turner of Dixfield, and Elmira m. Pub., Dec. 23, 1839, Ezra Drown in Dixfield. Lewis d. Dec. 17, 1844.

After compiling eight pages of manuscript of Wing family, information at hand from Col. Geo. W. Wing of Kewaunee, Wis., "president of Wing Family Association of America, Incorporated," calls for another chapter. He states that all the Wings in Maine, so far as known to him, are descended from Rev. John and Deborah Wing, and their three sons, John, Daniel and Stephen, who settled at Sandwich, Mass., in 1637, having come to New England on the ships William and Francis in 1632. The generations down from Stephen of Sandwich were Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Jr., Joseph, Stephen, Reuben. The last named came to Livermore some time prior to 1790. His sons were Reuben, Jr., Joseph, Stephen L., Shubal, and Lyman, a half-brother, and daughters, Mehitable, Mercy, and perhaps Hannah and Betsey. This race, who people nearly every state in the Union, came of an old Welsh family who came out of Wales centuries beyond Henry VII., and who lived in Bonbury, Old Sandwish, and in quaint rural English villages, and who, seeking a wider life, came to New England. As a sect, they were Quakers in Colonial days, and suffered much persecution from the followers of the Church of England. They were prosecuted, fined, ordered to leave Plymouth Colony because they would not renounce their creed and join the Church of England. It is claimed their descendants in America, living and deceased, equal 100,000.

The records of the Baptist church of Peru show that Reuben Wing, a member of First Baptist church of Livermore, was a

member of the Council of Churches who met at Benjamin Wormell's in Plan. No. 1, Sept. 9, 1818, and authorized the founding of Peru Baptist church. Stephen L. Wing, the father of Columbus and other children, was the son of Reuben. It is claimed by the children that Stephen L. was b. in Livermore, showing, evidently, his father was the church member. It is thought that Reuben descended from Joseph Wing, son of Nathaniel. Reuben Wing and wife, Joanna. Children, in part:—Stephen L., b. in Livermore. 1801, d. in Franklin, Oct. 26, 1872, m., 1823, Louisa Prescott, b. 1806, d. in Franklin, Nov. 8, 1879, native of Wayne. Reuben Wing, Sr., m. (2nd) Pub., in Wayne, Apr. 21, 1812, Sally Robinson. Reuben Wing, Jr., b. around 1812, published Jan. 14, 1833, to Catherine Farnum, Bowdoin.

Children of Stephen L. and Louisa (Prescott) Wing:—Columbus H., b. in Franklin, June 9, 1823, m. Sarah F., dau. of Thomas S. Lord of Franklin; George W. Wing, b. 1826, m. (1st) Nancy, dau. of Oliver Canwell and Philene, dau. of Abias Andrews; Stephen P., b. 1830, m. Mercy, dau. of Abias Andrews, res., a farmer in Leeds. He was five or six miles from home on foot, May 29, 1910, smart and active, traveling in a hurry, in his 81st year; Cordelia B., b. in Franklin, 1832, m. in 1864, Gardner Lovejoy, his third wife. No issue. She d. July 31, 1900, in Peru; Samuel F. Wing, b. May 13, 1833, m. Joanna, dau. of Plina B. and Lois Elmira (Haywood) Wing. He served as Pvt., Co. D, 12th Me., in war of 1861, faithful and true. Res., West Peru. The above Plina B. was another son of Reuben Wing. His son, Isaac P., d. of wounds, July 24, 1864, ae. 15 years, 10 months; a Pvt., Co. E, 32d Me. Inf. Vols. Grave in Bishop Yd. Ira B. Wing, b. Franklin, 1840, m. (1st) Delia Eliza, dau. of John T. and Priscilla (Tripp) Knowles of Wilton. Wife d. in 1888, ae. 46 years, seven months. He m. (2nd) Aug. 7, 1889, Mary J., widow of Rufus Trask of Leeds. She was the dau. of Abner Burnham in Leeds. They were farmers in Franklin and made a comfortable living. Ira B. was enrolled Pvt. for three years in Co. D, 12th Me., Nov., 1861, and served two years. Ira B. Wing, d. June 27, 1907, in Peru, leaving a widow, two sons and two daughters by first wife. His widow remarried Sept. 29, 1907, John Smith, and d. at Phillips, Nov. 1, 1907. Francis A. Wing, b. 1836, m. Louisa, dau. of David and Saphrona (Richards) Sturtefant of Leeds. Res., Leeds, Me.; d. around 1906. Austin H.,

b. Apr. 13, 1838, m. Rosanna Burnham, widow of Azel Burnham of Leeds; Charles A., b. 1840, m. Sarah, dau. of Abner Burnham of Leeds. Res., Monmouth. Their children:—Pearly, m. Georgia Wing. Farmer in Leeds. Richard, m. Bertha Maxim; foreman Sec. on R. R., E. Wilton. Blanch M., b. Mar. 29, 1880, m. Ora Knox; jobber, Monmouth Cent. Milton E., m. Kitty Wing; farmers in Leeds. Melissa, m. Harry Taylor; foreman Sec. on R. R., Winthrop. Guy, b. around 1889, a steady young man who helps support parents. Caroline A., b. May 15, 1842, m. Mar. 4, 1868, Edward W. Haines, his second wife.

Stephen L. Wing, b. in Livermore, 1802, son of Reuben, settled in Franklin Plantation about 1823. His granddaughter, Mrs. Emma C. Kincaid of Livermore Falls, dau. of Telotson P. Wing, relates in Wing history that Stephen L. lived in a log camp, covered overhead with spruce bark. In place of doors were hung heavy quilts. One day Mr. Wing was away to Dixfield when his wife saw a loup-cervier coming through the door. She snatched a pillow from the bed, threw it at him and drove him away. Bears were heard prowling about their cabin nights as they answered the call of their mates from the nearby mountains. Their communication with the adjoining towns was by spotted trees. They went to Winthrop on horseback for provisions and clothing, 45 miles (they called it). The first potatoes this man had to plant, he walked to Winthrop and brought back on his shoulders one-half bushel of potatoes, given to him by his uncle, Shubal Wing. We quote further: He d. at Franklin, 1876. He was m. about 1822 to Louisa, dau. of Newell and Eunice Prescott of Winthrop. Other children of Reuben were:—Geo. Washington, Reuben, Jr., Augustus A., Alexander, Pliny B., Elbridge, Joanna, Velletta, Hulda, and Lyman L., by last wife, Sally Robinson, whom he m. about May, 1812, of Wayne.

Lyman L. Wing, son of Reuben, b. 1816, m. Mar., 1840, Mercy B. York, b. 1819, a sister to Charles York, in Peru. They came from Monmouth and settled on the farm adjoining that of Benj. Lovejoy. Children b. in Peru:—John Fairfield, b. Aug. 17, 1840; Samuel F., b. Sept. 6, 1842; Lyman Bolster, b. Aug. 29, 1845; Eliza A., b. July 7, 1848; Sarah E., b. Mar. 8, 1851; Willard H., b. Sept. 16, 1853. Family removed to Monmouth, where husband d. 1890, and wife d. 1899. John Fairfield Wing is a prosperous farmer near N. Monmouth Vill. He m. (1st) in 1865, Loram

Robinson. Their dau., Jennie, m. John Williams. Wife, Loram, d.; m. (2nd) Flavilla Freeman of Cornville. Child:—Clois, b. Jan. 1, 1869, m. 1894, Maud Pray of La Grange. Child:—Verne C., b. 1895.

Columbus H. and Sarah F. Wing. In addition to farm work, Mr. Wing for many years was a noted basket maker. Preparing the basket stuff from a brown ash sapling six or eight inches in diameter and weaving in layers by hand is practically one of the lost arts in the twentieth century. His make were very strong and durable. Their children, as given in town register of 1905:—Louisa P., m. Cyrus F. Goding; Hannah J., m. Edwin F. Childs; Lucy A., m. Burnham; Wm. J., a farmer in Leeds; Edgar D., farmer in Farmington; Mary O., m. Edwin B. Childs. Children of Stephen P. and Mercy B. Wing in Leeds. Their children b. in Franklin:—James S., Freeland G., Zelma, Lizzie, Mary E., Francis J. and Alfred S. Wing. The latter m. Carrie Higgins. They are farmers; P. O., Curtis Corner. Their children b. in Leeds are:—Stephen A., James M., Archa A. Marriages of Stephen P.'s children:—James S. m. Ellen Hallowell; res., Rd. Falls. Freeland G. m. Nellie McCulla; Zelma, m. Charles Haines; Lizzie, m. Herbert Andrews in Peru; Francis J., m. Augusta Burnham; farmers in Leeds.

Children of Ira B. Wing by first wife:—Delia Eliza Knowles:—Eliza B., d. Sept. 20, 1865, ae. three years, 11 months, 20 days; Delia B., d. Mar. 6, 1905, ae. 32 years, dau. of his second wife by Rufus Trask, her first husband. Ira B., Jr., m. Josie E. Wing, dau. of ——— Wing. Children:—Clarence A., Elma A. Children of Samuel F. Wing are Pliny, who m. July 29, 1882; Mary J., dau. of Wm. Roberts of Peru. Wife d. Stephen, m. Etta Larkins of Livermore. He d. at Farmington, ae. 27 years. Lois, m. Walter Fish in Waltham, Mass.; Maria, b. Sept. 1, 1869, m. (1st), ae. 16, and had dau., Nina B.; m. (2nd) in 1895, Daniel Phelps of Lincoln. Nina B., m. John Halsey of Rumford. Their children:—Archie, b. 1900; Leroy, b. 1904; Robert, b. 1906. Res., 1910, Peru. Wife attended church, and is worthy of mention.

Telotson P. Wing, b. in Franklin, Sept. 8, 1828, m. Clarinda H., dau. of Ezekiel F. Lovejoy. Wife d. at Smithville, Rumford, first week in Jan., 1911. Children:—Adelia A., m. Herbert L. Wood; stone cutter and builder. Res., Peru, on Stephen Chase farm. Rose A., b. June 11, 1858, m. Albion S. Burgess. She d.

Jan. 22, 1907. Feed mill. Res., Rd. Falls. Ida F. Wing, b. Mar., 1856, m. Albert A. Frost; farmer, Peru, annex to Rd. Emma C. Wing, b. Apr. 21, 1854, m. Newbry Kincaid. Occupation, steam engineer, Livermore Falls. Ellery, b. 1852, d. young. Chas. W. Wing, b. Aug. 29, 1866, d. young. Wallace M. Wing, b. 1869, d. young. Family of Herbert L and Adelia A. Wood. Child, Wm. T. Wood, stone cutter and contractor. Wm. T. Wood, "widowed," m. Oct., 1910, Louise E., dau. of Elroy M. Gammon, both of Peru. Their son, Elroy Herbert, was b. Sept. 2, 1911.

Family of Elbridge, son of Reuben and Silence Wing, dau. of Peter Hopkins, Jr., 2nd. Children:—Elbridge G., b. Mar. 11, 1831, d. June 8, 1882; Susan W., b. July 11, 1835, m. Clark Wing. She d. Apr. 11, 1862; Chas. N., b. Franklin, Jan. 10, 1837, d. Apr. 28, 1863, in army, Co. C, 21st Me., on Ship Island, single; Mary Jane, b. Jan. 25, 1841, m. Ira Murch, So. Paris; Viola B., b. June 23, 1843, m. Granville F. Child in Peru; Cyrus J., b. Oct. 14, 1845, d. single, Oct., 1869; Eunice, b. 1848, d. 1865; Chestina, b. Aug. 7, 1850, m. David Corbett, New Vineyard; Lydia O., b. Apr. 30, 1852, m. Newton Swift, Paris; Wm. A., b. Jan. 13, 1855, d. single, 1877; Willis E., his twin brother, m. Nellie York of Woodstock; Flora A., b. July 30, 1867, m. Frank Stevens, Paris; Derias, b. 1872, m., lives in Paris.

## Withington

James H. Withington first appears on record Mar. 1, 1814. He settled on the farm adjoining Rumford now owned by Otis Wyman. The census of 1821 gives wife's name Sarah. Children:—Sarah B., b. Sept. 18, 1811, d. Dec. 1, 1811; James H., Jr., b. June 5, 1813. Tradition says he m. Pub., Apr. 25, 1832, Sarah Gordon of Fryeburg, and he became preceptor of Hallowell Academy. Ebenezer P., b. Apr. 6, 1814; Augustus, b. Mar. 9, 1817; Sarah A. and Mary P., b. Oct. 28, 1819. Mr. Withington was very prominent in Plantation and in town affairs many years. He d. on the farm, by hanging, July 29, 1837. Subsequently the family removed to Madrid.

## Plantation Meeting, 1812

\*At the meeting of Apr. 6, 1812, for the purpose of giving in their votes for governor, lieutenant governor for this commonwealth, and senators for this district, Elbridge Gerry for governor

had 20 votes, Wm. King, lieutenant governor, 20 votes. At March meeting, 1814, James H. Withington was chosen moderator and one of the assessors.

Orin Walton of Canton m. Betsey, dou. of Benj. Fobes. He d. 1897. Wife d. 1900. Their son, Orville Knight Walton, b. May 6, 1841, in Peru, m. Oct., 1873, Mary Amanda, dau. of William and Eliza (Randall) Babb No issue. Mrs. Walton d. Dec. 12, 1901, ae. 46 years, five months. Mr. Walton's res. is Dickvale. No relation to the other Waltons of Peru.

### Genealogy of Waite Family

Benjamin Waite, son of John, b. in Newbury, Oct. 18, 1725, m., 1747, Abigail, b. Aug. 20, 1748, dau. of Capt. Isaac Ilsley of Falmouth. He d. Jan. 25, 1812. She d. Nov. 26, 1773. They had several children. One named John was b. in Falmouth, July 4, 1751. He m. Sept. 1772, Sally Burton, who was b. Sept., 1754, and d. May 25, 1801. He m. (2nd) May 1, 1802, Sally N. Smillage of Providence. He d. Mar. 16, 1838, and she d. Feb. 4, 1853, ae. 80 years. His children b. in Falmouth were as follows:—Abigail, b. Jan. 3, 1774, d. July, 1839; Ebenezer, b. Mar. 8, 1776, m. Mariam Knight of Peru, dau. of Merrill, Sr., and d. in Livermore, Jan. 23, 1852; Betsey, b. Dec. 22, 1778, d. June, 1804; Amasa, b. Feb. 17, 1781, had wife, Betsey; Francis, b. Aug. 17, 1783, m., 1808, Dorcas, dau. of Merrill Knight, Sr. He d. May 16, 1875, ae. 91 years, six months. She d. Aug. 10, 1870, ae. 86 years, 25 days. Sally, b. Feb. 17, 1785, d. May, 1785; Henry, b. June 14, 1786, d. Jan. 1, 1820, had wife, Hannah; William, b. July 7, 1788, d. young; John, b. Sept. 9, 1790, d. Mar., 1838; Edward, b. Feb. 1, 1793, d. Aug. 2, 1881; Nancy, b. Oct. 8, 1794; Charles, b. Oct. 30, 1796; Samuel, b. Feb. 12, 1803, d. Apr. 21, 1826; Mary Ann Susan Adelaide, b. Jan. 10, 1806; Martha Rebecca, b. Mar. 19, 1808, d. Dec., 1841; Martha Jane, b. June 9, 1810; James Smillage, b. Sept. 16, 1811, m. 1835, Sarah M. Paine; Sally Buxton, b. Dec. 5, 1815, d. Mar., 1845.

Francis Waite was b. in Westbrook and when a young man worked in a printing office in Portland. He next tried seafaring, at the age of twenty years, 1803. Five years later he came to Peru. He soon made the acquaintance of Dorcas, dau. of Merrill Knight, and secured a wife and farm. No one in those days but Merrill Knight gave a premium with the prize to sons-in-law.

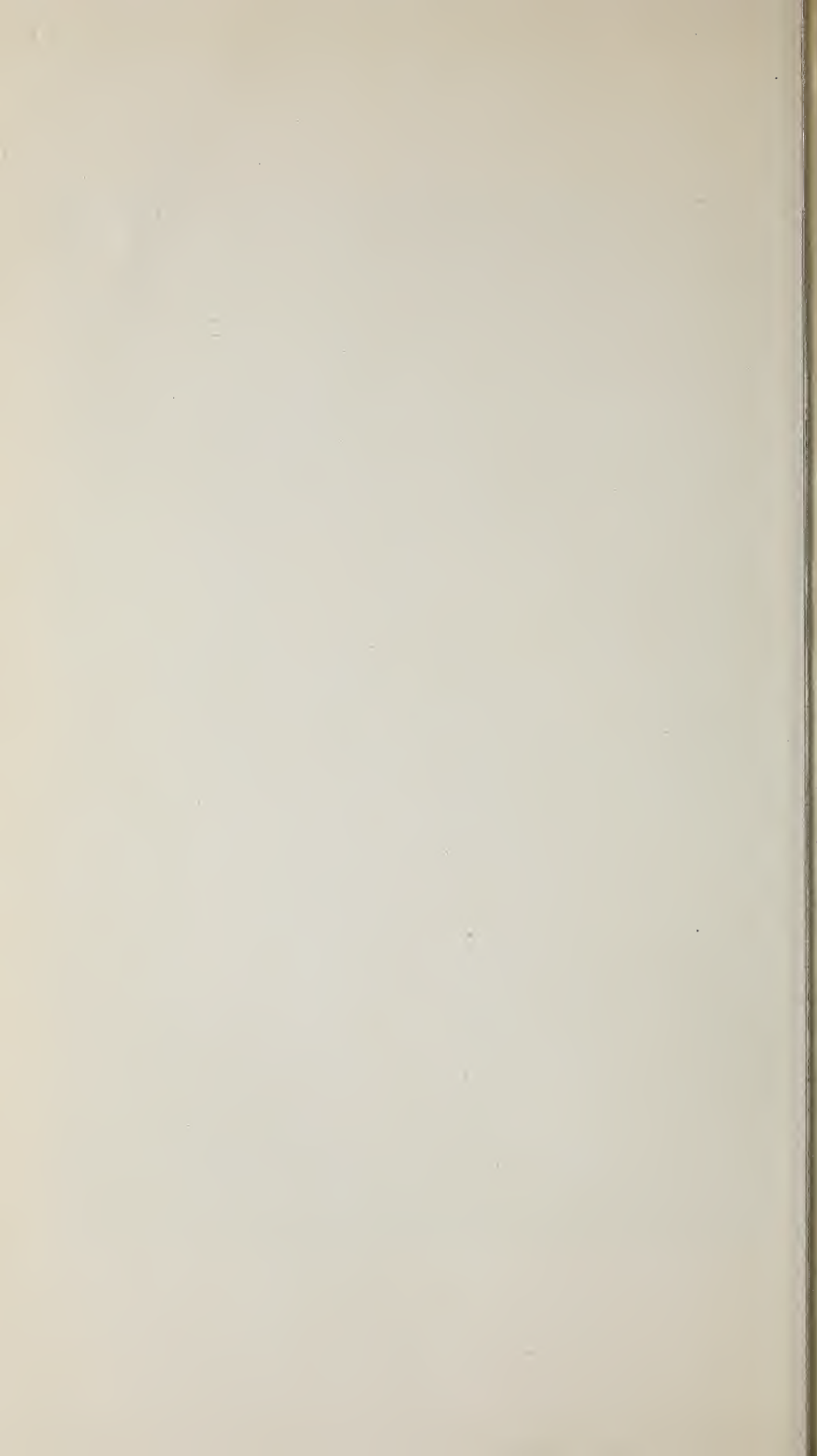
He made a clearing on the third tier of lots, back from the river, and erected buildings in 1811, on the "New County Road," as then known. Mr. Waite was a very active, industrious man, of good habits, honest and reliable. He is remembered for his generous hospitality, in which his good wife shared the good will of all.

In religion they were strong Universalists. The Gospel Banner was their favorite paper many years. He devoted his time and energy to home wants, and if called to store, mill, or town meeting, he hurried to return. Children:—Goodin, b. Aug. 6, 1809, d. in South Livermore, Mar. 1, 1887, m. Harriet, dau. of Addison Campbelle, in Livermore. His widow and two sons living at Leeds Centre. Children:—Charles, Edward, Clinton, d. about 1900. Mr. Waite carried on home farm from boyhood till he was past fifty years old, and remaining single. He kept a small assortment of store goods for sale at his parents' home several years. It is related that at one time a little girl of the neighbors' was sent to buy a darning needle. She made known her want to Goodin's mother and she sent the girl a long way up the mow field to call Goodin, who was making hay. He obeyed the call cheerfully, sold the needle for one cent, cash in hand, and returned to his work, about one-fourth mile up hill. A passerby observed he went whistling merrily, as well pleased as though he had made a ten dollar sale. It was on this farm the head of the family was once observed making hay without sunshine. After several days of rain and cloudy weather, wet hay was held by fork over burning stumps to dry.

Nancy, b. Oct. 16, 1811, m. Pub., May 16, 1834, Isaiah Leavitt, Jr., in Turner; Harrison, b. Nov. 1, 1813, d. Nov. 7, 1813; Elbridge, b. Oct. 22, 1814; Martha, b. Apr. 4, 1817, m. James Carter; Rotheus B., b. May 10, 1819; Charles, b. Feb. 26, 1821, d. Mar. 23, 1833; Amasa, b. Jan. 20, 1823, d. Oct., 1849; Silas N., b. Aug. 24 1824, last known in Rockport, Mass.; Sally Medley, b. Apr. 11, 1827, m. Danforth Lary; Rotheus B., m. Pub., Nov. 1, 1844, Martha Records of Buckfield. No issue. Mr. Waite spent the most of his married life on a farm in Buckfield. He was an enterprising, successful farmer, prominent in all moral reforms and popular with the masses in the common walks of life. He and wife were highly respected. He died.

1805. East Peru Village. Mills are above and below bridge. Residence of E. C. Poland on left. On right Warren  
F. Curtis shows a view of the village and the mills.





## Benjamin Wormell

The first family in the east part of the Township was Benjamin and Ann (Dennett) Wormell. He doubtless first utilized the water power at this place, in erecting a gristmill. The small collection of houses here at an early period was known a wide circuit as Wormell's Mills. This man had much to do in shaping Plantation affairs. In March meeting, 1813, he was chosen one of the selectmen and assessors. In April meeting, same year, was moderator. In 1818 was chosen treasurer, also one of three Com. to divide the Plan. into school districts. He served in various other offices. This family and their children, with families, formed a large portion of the residents of Wormell's Mills a term of years. Five children:—Ira Wormell, b. Oct. 2, 1805, m. Nov. 5, 1826, Mary Deering. Their children:—Emeline, b. May 29, 1827, d. Aug. 1, 1832; Ann D., b. Dec. 28, 1829, m. Amos L. Harlow; John Melvin, b. Mar. 30, 1837; Lydia Jane, b. May 31, 1840, m. Jan. 8, 1863, James S. Jewett, d. July 28, 1873; Emily, m. Timothy Kyle, d. 1904. Wife, Mary Deering Wormell, d. Sept. 13, 1863. Ira m. (2nd) Mary G. Lovejoy, Pub., Jan. 23, 1865. He d. Feb. 7, 1880, a respected citizen and a Christian. Mr. Wormell's union with Mary G. Lovejoy was short. He had not got his affinity. They parted. James S. Jewett lived on the first farm in Canton adjoining the Benj. Packard farm. He was Must. on quota of Peru, Dec. 26, 1863, Pvt., Co. I, 1st Regt., H. A., wounded in action June 18, 1864, promoted Corp. and Must. out with Com'd Sept. 11, 1865. His dau., Hattie, d. Aug. 19, 1871, ae. eight months.

Cyrus Wormell, b. Sept. 23, 1807, m. Caroline Fisk about 1824. He carried on marble works a term of years at his native village, doing fine work. Cemeteries in town bear witness. In later years and down to near close of life, he served either as deputy by appointment or sheriff as elected by the people many years in the county. He was noted for promptness and efficiency. He was asked at one time how he found his calling. He answered promptly: "Good many holes in the skimmer, and the biggest one in the handle." This family removed to Bethel around middle fifties and continued through life. Cyrus M. m. before the war, settled and d. there.

Harriet Wormell, b. Oct. 25, 1825, m. May 4, 1841, Horatio T. House of Peru. Their children:—Alma Ann Robinson, b. Dec. 19,

1851; Alvena M., b. Feb. 27, 1855; Lovina C., b. Dec. 8, 1858. Horatio d. Mar. 2, 1864. Arvilla Wormell, b. Nov. 12, 1827, d. June 6, 1828; Wm. S. Wormell, b. Mar. 20, 1829, d. Apr. 19, 1848; Sarah I. Wormell, b. Feb. 14, 1831, d. Jan. 16, 1834; Amos Wormell, b. Sept. 6, 1833, d. Cyrus Monroe, b. Mar. 23, 1836. He served as deputy sheriff and detective several years after the war. He served 2nd Lieut., Co. I, 5th Me. Inf. Vols., war of 1861. Mary Jane, b. Apr. 1, 1839, m. Mar. 3, 1855, Geo. W. Haskell, son of Jonathan and Mary Haskell, Peru. Geo. was wagoner in Co. F, 9th Me. Their children:—Lizzie N., b. Aug. 27, 1855; Addie L., b. Oct. 9, 1857; Charlotte A., b. Sept. 8, 1840, d. June 30, 1848; John S., b. Sept. 30, 1842, Must. S., Feb. 17, 1864, Co. I, 5th Me., re-enl., trf. to 1st Me. Vet.; Ellen Caroline, b. Oct. 10, 1846; Chas. Wm., b. Oct. 8, 1849; Abby Frances, b. Dec. 6, 1851, d. May 28, 1852; Hiram, b. Sept. 1, 1810, son of Benj. Wormell, m. Feb. 10, 1836, Margaret Smith, a sister to one Joseph, known in town as Tomsonian doctor. In the days of military trainings at Walker's Tavern in the early forties, this Joseph Smith was a resident of Peru, and Capt. of a Co. named Light Infantry. This Co. provided themselves each with a black velvet cap ornamented with gold tinsel and several long black, glossy feathers. All not wearing this uniform were identified as members of the Slambang Co., without uniform. We shall refer to these holiday scenes elsewhere. Their children:—Remember M., b. Jan. 9, 1837; Elestus S., b. July 9, 1838; Sylvester S., b. Apr. 30, 1840; Daniel C., b. Dec. 9, 1842; Elias O., b. Oct. 30, 1844. Hiram Wormell lived on the Wm. Harlow farm, preceding him. Family left town before arrival of Harlow in 1845.

John Wormell, b. June 13, 1814, m. Pub., July 11, 1835, Mary Ann, dau. of Eliphalet Tucker of Peru. Their children:—Benj. Wormell, b. Jan. 10, 1836; Cordelia Valista, b. Apr. 4, 1842; Cordelia, dau. of Benj. Wormell, m. Mar. 2, 1847, Sumner Robinson, Jr., of Peru. Their children:—Clara Holmes, b. June 23, 1848; Sabrina Alesta, b. Sept. 2, 1850, d. Mar. 22, 1852.

About these years the families of Hiram, John and Cyrus Wormell had left town. Cyrus was the last to remove, first to Mexico, near Dixfield Vill., there about two years; thence to Bethel, where he and his son, Cyrus Monroe, spent their remaining days, the son serving many years as deputy and detective. Sumner Robinson, Jr., went West soon after the death of his child. He

entered the ministry and followed that profession a term of years, till health failed.

## Walton

Walton is an old English name, derived from wold, a wood, and ton, a town. The Waltons came to America from England at a very early date. Three brothers, Moses, Joshua and William, with their nephew, Reuben, came to Maine as early settlers. William took up a lot of land lying partly in Wayne and partly in Fayette. His first wife was Hannah Littlehale, dau. of Abraham Littlehale. Wm., b. Jan. 23, 1725, in Dunstable, Mass., was a soldier under Gen. Wolf at the taking of Quebec, and also a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His height is given as five feet, six inches, dark complexion, with dark hair and eyes. The rugged old man walked all the way from Dunstable to Wayne to see his dau. He stopped in Wayne for a season and helped his son-in-law in clearing his farm. Drains which he dug are plainly to be seen on the meadow of his great-great-grandson. He d. in 1810, ae. 85 years. His children by first wife were Abraham, William, Jr., Benjamin, and John. Abraham removed to Ohio. Wm., Jr., and Benjamin removed to Peru. John stayed in Wayne. The second wife of Wm., Sr., was Mehitabel Lyons. Their children were Sarah, Sophia, and Rufus. Sarah m. Sylvanus Blackwell in 1806. Sophia m. Nathaniel Atkins, brother to David Atkins; both came to Peru. Rufus m. Hannah Braley.

Wm. Walton, Jr., had two wives. Three of his children by first wife were:—Mahala, b. 1809, and Priscilla and Sibyl, who. m. Angier Mitchell, his second wife. He m. (2nd) July 18, 1828, Euseba Doolittle. They followed Peter Morrill on the Adam Knight farm in 1844. Mr. Walton d. in Oct., 1855. Their children:—Calvin Doolittle, b. Sept. 4, 1829, m. Pub., Oct. 16, 1856, Esther H. Dunn of Lewiston; Hannah Eliza, b. Dec. 4, 1830; Euseba, b. Nov. 11, 1833; America, b. Aug. 17, 1835. He is said to be living at 5 Ralph St., Lowell, Mass. Emeline H., b. May 26, 1838; Abraham, b. July 26, 1840.

Two other prominent men, sons of Wm. by first wife, and residents of Peru, were Farewell, b. Jan. 21, 1802, and Wm. Bowers. Farewell Walton was a member of the board of selectmen in 1837, 1841, and 1842. He m. Sept. 13, 1827, Mary, b. Apr. 6, 1807, dau. of Jeremiah Hall of Rumford. Children:—Jeremiah, b. Jan.

24, 1828, in F. P., d. in Westbrook, Jan., 1897; Wm. H.. b. Dec. 26, 1829, and d. Oct. 31, 1831, in Peru; grave in Wyman Cem. Lydia Augusta, b. Jan. 3, 1833, m. May 2, 1861, Zachariah Small. Husband deceased Mar. 23, 1899. Widow living in Westbrook, 1907. Their son, Elmer F., b. Westbrook, Sept. 3, 1873. Mr. Walton moved first to Mexico, lived on first farm above the toll bridge above Dixfield Vill., thence to Westbrook, Me.

Later information: America Walton m., was Must. Sept. 7, 1861, at the age of 26 years, 2nd Sergt. Co. B, 8th Me. Inf., from Patten. His brother, Abraham, ae. 21, from Patten, single, was enrolled same date, Corp. in same Co. and Regt. America Walton re-enl. Feb. 29, 1864, promoted 2nd Lieut. and 1st Lieut. Abraham re-enl. same date, and Pr. Sergt. and Orderly Sergt., Nov. 1, 1865. America Walton was lastly Pr. Capt. and resigned July 4, 1865. He has two daughters and three grandsons. The oldest is in Panama, attending a wireless station. The others have a home with grandparent, Abraham, and wife deceased, leaving two children. Other children not mentioned in family of Wm. Walton by first wife were Mahala, who m. Sumner R. Newell; also daughters, Malintha and Malinda, whom writer cannot account for. Sybil Walton, m. Pub., Nov. 3, 1855, Angier Mitchell, Mexico. Priscilla Walton, m. Peter Morrill, his second wife.

Records are sadly deficient in the family of Wm. Bowers and Charlotte (Thomas) Walton. Wife was a sister to John Thomas in Rumford. Their oldest son, Henry B., b. around 1830, graduated from Westbrook Seminary, taught a term of high school at West Peru in fall of 1860. He began the study of law, and when the war came on he laid aside the law book and took a commission as 1st Lieut. Co. D, 12th Me., and was Must. into U. S. service Nov. 15, 1861. He had m. a Miss Virgin in Rumford. While in command of Co. E of his Regt. at Battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864, he was killed by the enemy; he was buried at town Cem., East Rumford. He was a brave soldier fearless and true. His wife had a child, and after a period she remarried. Helen M., b. Mar., 1837, d. Nov., 1862. Benj. Franklin, b. 1840. He enl. in Co. D, 16th Me., and was discharged Mar. 23, 1863, for disability. Returning to Peru, he m. Oct. 4, 1870, Loisa Robinson, and lived at one time on the Nathaniel Mabury farm, near Rd. Falls, where his father was living at close of life. This son was successor to the farm. His wife d. several years before. He d.

around middle nineties. He was invalid ever after his discharge. He was pensioned, \$8. Farewell Walton, b. 1843, enl. Corp., Co. D, 12th Me., in 1861. Priscilla M., m. Pub., June 18, 1857, Chas. B. Woodsum. Harriet Emily, m. Aug. 30, 1865, Oscar M. Tucker.

Bowers Walton possessed a fund of wit and humor that made him the central figure when he chanced to meet fellow townsmen. He was a host within himself, always sober, refined and modest. Speaking of an old townsman who had recently passed the bounds of this life, he said "his death gave the most general satisfaction of any he had known for a long time." He was upright in all deportment. This family ranked first class. The graves of the heads of the family and that of Benj. F. are in the Wyman Cem. At the head of the yard there stands a large, tall, granite monument. The earth beneath is level and smooth. No markers indicate graves. There are no names, not even family name, on this ponderous monument to show owner or occupant. Here are hidden the above graves.

### Origin of Walkers in Peru

George Walker, b. at Kittery Point, Me., May 11, 1734, was the son of Wm. and Deborah Walker. He m. Sept. 15, 1754, Elizabeth Snow, b. at Kittery Point, Mar. 13, 1734, dau. of John and Mary Snow. Their children:—William, b. Mar. 28, 1755, d. Dec. 1, 1833, in Peru, was the father of Peru Walkers; Susanna, b. Aug. 17, 1757, d. 1773; Charles, b. Aug. 15, 1759; Betty, b. Nov. 10, 1761, d. July 9, 1823; John, b. Mar. 25, 1764; Molly, b. Aug. 11, 1765, d. Sept. 17, 1843; George, b. Dec. 8, 1768; Rebecca, b. Feb. 12, 1771.

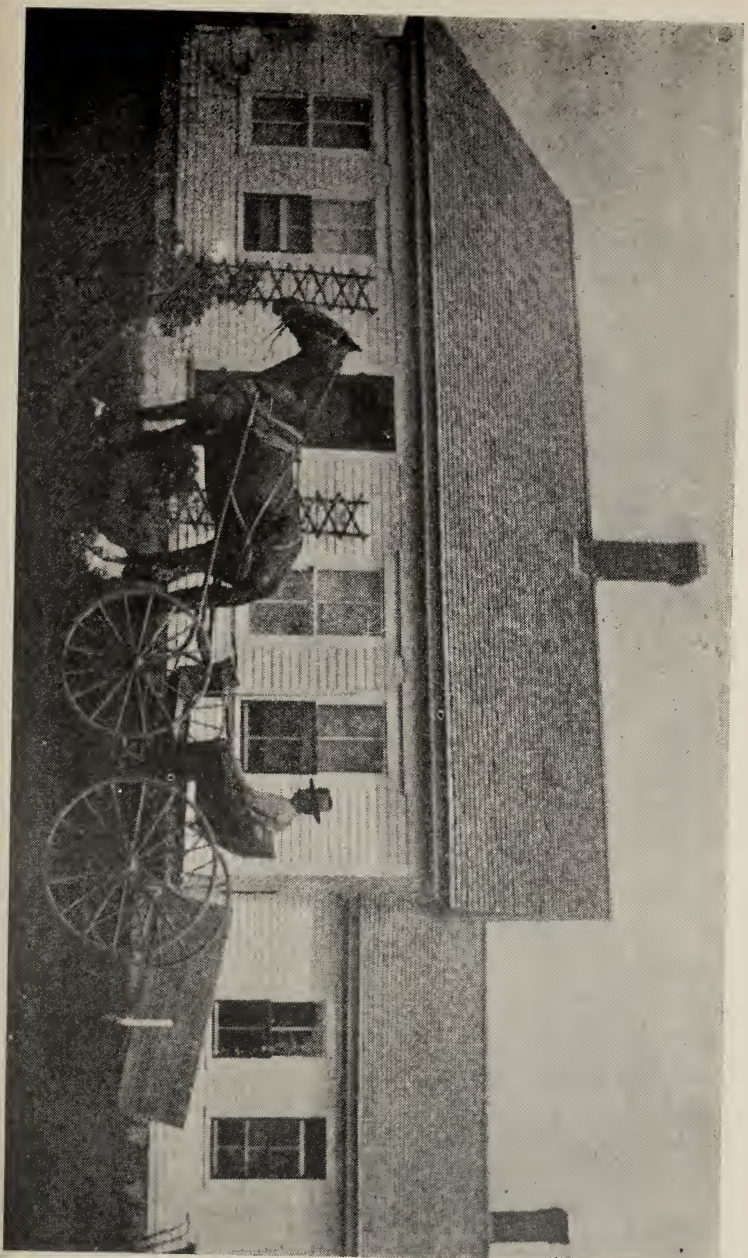
Wm. H. Walker, grandson of William, Sr., told writer of his grandparent playing on his violin at his father's when he was a boy. His musical qualities are revealed in the third and fourth generations. Two of the grandsons, one yet living, were something of a genius in bringing out the musical tones of the violin. How unlike the old time music is that of the present day violin playing. It is a strenuous effort to render a discord melodious.

One of the early pioneers following Daniel Lunt, Jr., he being the third family, was William Walker. He, with his son, Wm., Jr., rode on back of horse from Falmouth to Peru in Mar., 1802, when son was twelve years old. Wm. Walker, Sr., b. Falmouth, Mar. 28, 1755, was the son of George and Elizabeth Walker, both b.

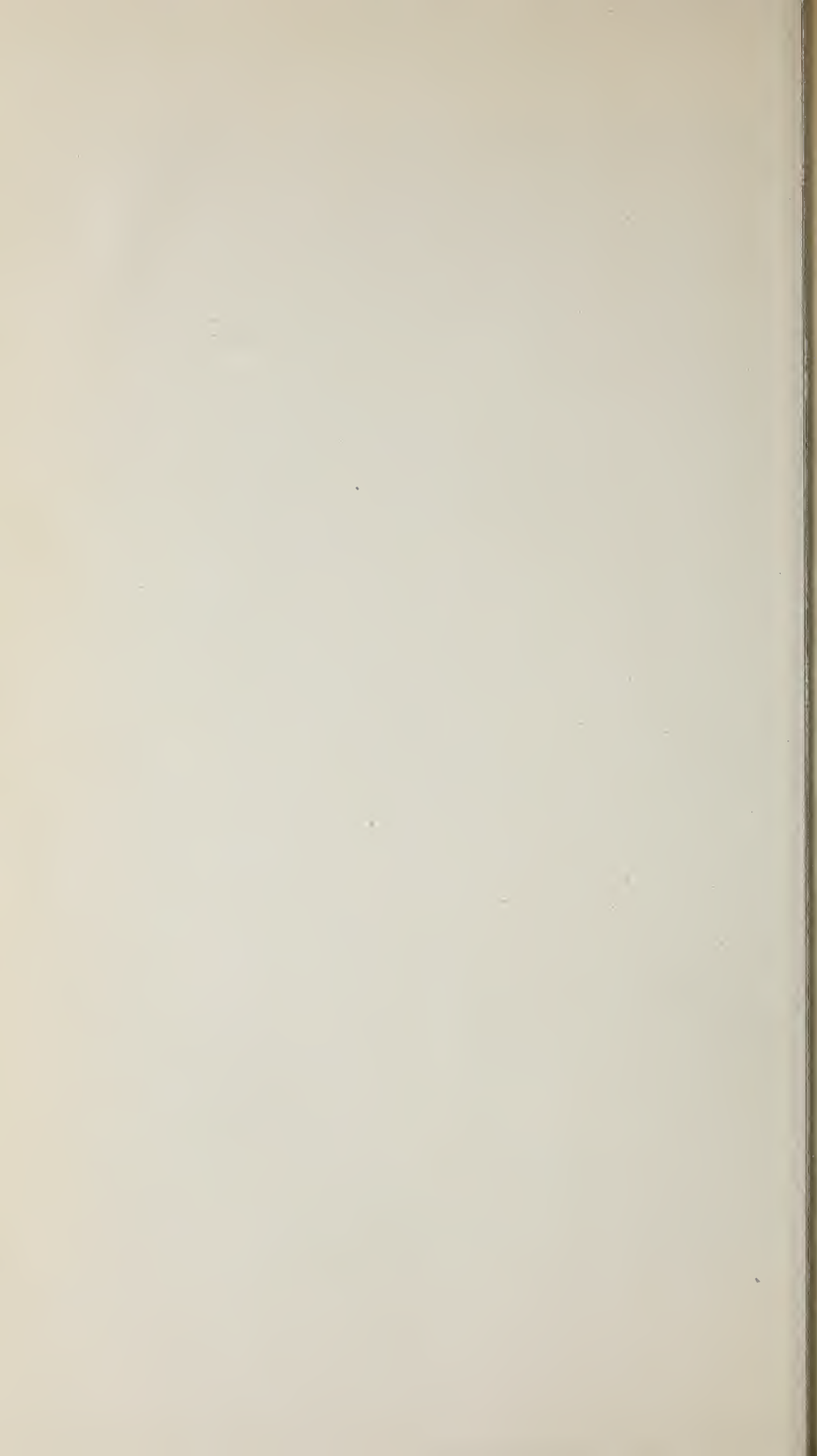
at Kittery Point. Wm. was the oldest of a family of eight children. He m. at Topsham, Sybil Staples, Sept. 4, 1783. She was b. in Topsham, Mar. 23, 1764. Their marriage was novel, the first of the kind on record. The bride and groom were *en route* from Topsham to Brunswick, where the marriage was to be solemnized. They came to the Androscoggin river and found the water so high the boatman would not attempt to cross. What could be done to relieve two anxious souls? To wait the fallen tide was indeed discouraging. Presently a happy thought gave relief. "We will call the boatman to send the minister to the water's edge on the opposite shore." He obeyed the summons. Blessed with stentorian voice, he then and there united across the flowing tide the happy couple. This was the first instance of marriage by wireless telephone across the Androscoggin river.

Wm. Walker and wife, Sybil, had a family of twelve children that lived to grow up, eleven of whom were pioneers in Township No. 1. They settled on the farm adjoining the old Methodist meeting house lot at the center of the town. The Wm. Walker family were as follows:—Hezekiah, b. Jan. 4, 1784, m. Dorcas Hobbs, sister of Josiah Hobbs of Livermore. They had no issue. He d. Jan. 26, 1848. His death was seemingly in answer to prayer. His brother, Nathan, then living in Hartford, was very sick with fever. At the turning point he lingered till at the point of death. Hezekiah, hearing of his condition, had a talk with God at the family altar. He told Him that Nathan's children needed his care. He asked God to spare Nathan and take him as a substitute. Hezekiah, very soon after, was climbing a short ladder to the head scaffold over the barn floor and fell, striking his head on the floor, causing instant death.

Suffice it to say that Nathan recovered and lived over fourteen years after this event. The second child of Wm. Walker was Susannah, b. Apr. 9, 1785, m. Jedediah White, b. about 1783. They formerly lived in Jay. Had three children grown up in 1842 or about, when the family moved to Peru on the Hezelton place, adjoining the Merrill Knight farm. Their oldest child, Polly, b. 1809, did not marry. She d. Dec. 10, 1873, ae. 64 years, three months. Joel W., b. 1812, m., first wife d., no issue; second wife, Dorcas W. Burgess, m. Oct., 1873. She was the former wife of Cyrus Burgess, and dau. of Seth Burgess and Virtue Decker of Wayne, b. June 24, 1824; had no issue by White; d. Sept. 11,



House built 1813. The George Walker farm. Now owned by D. W. Knight & Son. The latter holds the title



1904, ae. 80 years, two months. Joel W., d. May 31, 1889, ae. 77 years, enl. Co. H., 14th Me., pensioned. George W., b. 1819, did not marry, d. Dec. 7, 1873, ae. 54 years, four months. This family were devoted attendants at the Methodist church in its best days. Jedediah White d. May 27, 1859, ae. 76 years. His wife d. June 16, 1853, ae. 68 years.

Geo. Walker, b. Apr. 10, 1786, m. July 15, 1811, Melinda Holman, b. Apr. 7, 1788, a sister of Abner Holman, Livermore, and dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth Holman. Their motto through life was to save a good part of their earnings, and never spend a dollar before it is in hand. By industry and frugality they became forehanded farmers. The town road was laid out from Lunt's mill, now Turner's, to this farm in 1813. The bounds of farm bear date 1813. Geo. Walker d. July 13, 1866, ae. 80 years. His wife d. Aug. 9, 1879, ae. 91 years, four months.

Their first child, Eleanor, b. Jan. 28, 1812, d. Sept. 16, 1814. Eleanor, b. Sept. 9, 1816, m. Nov. 22, 1833, Daniel Sheffield, b. Pomfret Landing. Res., Peru. Liberty, b. June 9, 1831. Geo. Walker located on the second tier of lots west of and adjoining that of his brother, Hezekiah, in 1812. In the winter of 1811-12 he boarded at James Lunt's, two miles down the river. During the winter he cut pine trees on his lot, sawed and shaved the logs by hand into shingles, making and delivering on spot, for house, one-half thousand per day, and walking to and from boarding house to camp. The walls of his house on three sides were covered with those shingles, and without a drop of paint they did good service for ninety years. This couple exercised rigid economy in their first start in life. Instead of running in debt for utensils to set up housekeeping, they made of wood, knives, spoons, plates, bowls, trays for milk setting and general use, furniture of various kinds, and from flax and wool they made clothing. The good housewife was one of the early school teachers in the Plantation, teaching summer schools in her house before a schoolhouse was built.

The succeeding generations in the order given, commencing with George Walker's family are as follows:—Eleanor Walker Sheffield. Their children:—William T., b. June 30, 1836, m. June, 1859, Mary E. A., dau. of Hazen Favor; had son, Wm. C. Sheffield, b. Jan. 6, 1861. Mother d. soon after birth, Jan., 1861. Wm. Tucker m. (2nd), 1877, Mary, dau. of Hezekiah Ripley, St. Stephens, N. B.; had dau., Alice E., b. Nov., 1877. Wm. C., m.

wife, Jennie. Res., Lewiston. Occupation, piper. Children:—Willis Sheffield, Mabel Sheffield. The second child of Eleanor and Daniel C. Sheffield, Melina Ellen, b. Nov. 22, 1839, m. 1863-4, Henry Bent, nephew of wife of Benj. Allen; had dau., Flora, m. Seth Young, Lewiston. No issue. Melinda Ellen Bent d. Aug. 10, 1906. Adeline, b. June 22, 1842, m. Sept., 1865, Thos. J. Hanniford, Dixfield. He was a soldier in late war. Pensioned in Lewiston, d. Apr. 25, 1905. No issue. Widow pensioned in Lewiston. Last child of Eleanor Sheffield, Amos Carroll, b. Feb. 3, 1850, d. Mar. 11, 1851. This couple, Eleanor and Daniel Sheffield, were divorced, 1851. Wm. T. Sheffield has worked in Longley's harness shop, Lewiston, 40 years.

Daniel C. Sheffield m. (2nd) in Hopkinton, Mass., Mercy Smith. Their dau., Mary Jane, m. Herbert Adams. Mrs. Sheffield d. around 1861. Mr. Sheffield's mother, then the widow of Capt. Levi Ludden in Dixfield, went to live with son in Hopkinton, Mass. She was there in 1866, and had a home there the rest of her life. Mr. Sheffield outlived his mother, and d. around 1876, at his wife's cottage, Hopkinton. He was at Peru at date of incorporation, and first settled at West Peru. He built the brick house northwest of the Cem., now owned by Sylvester Frost. The Sheffield children were b. there. Daniel was capable, a fine penman, but too unstable to make a success.

Liberty Walker m. Nov. 22, 1856, Ruth Thurlow Taylor, b. Apr. 15, 1835, d. in Bridgton, Jan. 27, 1899, dau. of Richard and Marion (Thurlow) Taylor of Byron. Children b. on the Geo. Walker farm:—Clara A., b. Sept. 22, 1860; Asaph J., b. Aug. 2, 1865; Warren W., b. Sept. 17, 1870; Annie C., adopted dau., b. in Bridgton, Jan. 21, 1880; Clara A., m. in Bridgton, Nov. 22, 1898, Augustus E. Douglass, b. Nov. 27, 1872. Their children:—Geo. C. W., b. Aug. 15, 1901; Herbert A. D., b. Jan. 19, 1903.

Other grandchildren of Liberty and Ruth T. Walker not mentioned:—Asaph J., m. Sept. 30, 1891; Minnie A. Plummer, b. Oct. 10, 1867. Their children b. in Bridgton:—Ruth O., b. July 5, 1896; Asaph P., b. Sept. 26, 1900; Minot G., b. July 2, 1902; Warren W., m. Sept. 4, 1893, Minnie L. Saunders, b. Feb. 22, 1870. Children:—Robert W., b. Oct. 4, 1898; Roger T., b. Feb. 18, 1900; adopted dau. of Liberty; Annie C. Walker, m. June 20, 1901, Irvin E. Brown, b. Aug. 25, 1875. Children:—Eleanor J.

Brown, b. July 6, 1902; Mildred E., b. June 22, 1904, d. Sept. 8, 1904; Lawrence G., b. Aug. 4, 1906.

Another of Peru's favorite sons who do honor to their nativity is Asaph J. Walker, D. D. S., Bridgton, Me. Dependent financially upon his own resources, he worked his way up and fitted for his chosen profession, which he has filled nobly many years. He, too, feels it a duty to care for the dust of kindred, near and dear, gone before. To him it is a pleasure to care for their last resting place. No greater mark of respect can be shown for them. He contributes liberally to restore and care for the old Knight Cem. His modesty forbids this mention, and writer perils his displeasure.

Mrs. Liberty Walker d. in Feb., 1903, at Bridgton, Me. She had in the family several articles of cotton and linen hand-made by loom a century ago. A cotton sheet, stout as an ordinary tablecloth, was made from the first lot of cotton warp yarn brought into the town of Livermore, and woven by Melinda Holman, as part of her wedding outfit. One of the cherished heirlooms in the family is the loom in which they were woven. It was originally owned and run by her aunt, Dolly Holman of Livermore, a notable weaver of the last century, and given by her to Melinda, who, during a long and busy life, wove many thousand yards of home-made after her marriage to Geo. Walker and they removed to Peru. She was one of the most famous spinners and weavers in the county. She kept account of weaving alone the first few years amounting to four hundred dollars, a small part of her lifework.

By the marriage of Sally Walker to Josiah Hobbs in Livermore, he and Hezekiah Walker swapped sisters. Hezekiah, having no child, adopted Daniel when young, the son of Wm., Jr., by first wife. He cared for Hezekiah, and at his death succeeded to his estates. Wm., Jr., m. (1st) Mary, dau. of Merrill Knight, Sr., May 17, 1811. Wife d. Feb. 25, 1819, ac. 29 years, nine months. Children:—Winslow, b. Aug. 22, 1811; Daniel, b. Feb. 13, 1817, d. Aug. 26, 1854, m. Jan. 22, 1846, Sabrina Robinson in Peru; Martha Walker, b. Mar. 16, 1819, m., 1853, Orin Reynolds, "widowed." Wife d. May 25, 1877. Wm. Walker, Jr., m. (2nd) Mercy, b. 1792, d. May 6, 1877, dau. of Rev. Nathaniel Chase of Buckfield. Children:—Wm. Haskell, b. Jan. 7, 1824, m. Mrs. Sabrina Walker, "widow" Amanda M., b. Feb. 21, 1829, m. Orin Reynolds, his third wife, and d. Nov. 19, 1890; Delia, b. Mar. 12, 1834, m. (1st) Gilbert Eustis of Dixfield, Apr. 2, 1863. Their

dau. d. young. Husband d. Nov. 14, 1866. Mrs. Eustis remarried Amos Harlow, his second wife. He d. Feb. 15, 1896. Mrs. Harlow sold her interest to Mr. Bassett, the present owner, and removed to the Walker mansion, continuing there the rest of life, which terminated Nov. 14, 1906. This woman and her sisters were noble, high-minded, exemplary Christians. Wm. H. Walker was a very conscientious man. He and wife were devoted Christians. Mrs. Walker was the personification of Christian graces.

Wm. H. Walker d. on home farm, Oct. 10, 1906. Sabrina d. at Bridgton, Aug. 3, 1909, in family of Chas. S. Walker. Children of Wm. Haskell and Sabrina Walker:—Chas. Sumner, b. Mar. 9, 1857, m. Lizzie M. Hazelton, dau. of John F. and Lydia J. Hazelton. Their children are Iola A., m. in Bridgton, Me., June 3, 1910, at home of her parents, Rev. Wm. Porter Ames, pastor of Congregational church, Westport, Mass. This couple were graduates of Bates Coll. in the class of 1909. Chas. S. Walker is superintendent of town schools in Bridgton and Harrison, 1909 and 1910. Alma C. Second son of Wm. H. was Daniel H., b. Feb. 8, 1859, d. Sally Walker, who m. Josiah Hobbs, Livermore, had son, William. The children of Eleanor Q. (Kyle) True were:—Mahala, b. Dec. 8, 1832; Mary D., b. Feb. 28, 1835; John Henry, b. Apr. 30, 1836; Edward Morrill, b. Apr. 24, 1840; Edward, b. Nov. 2, 1844.

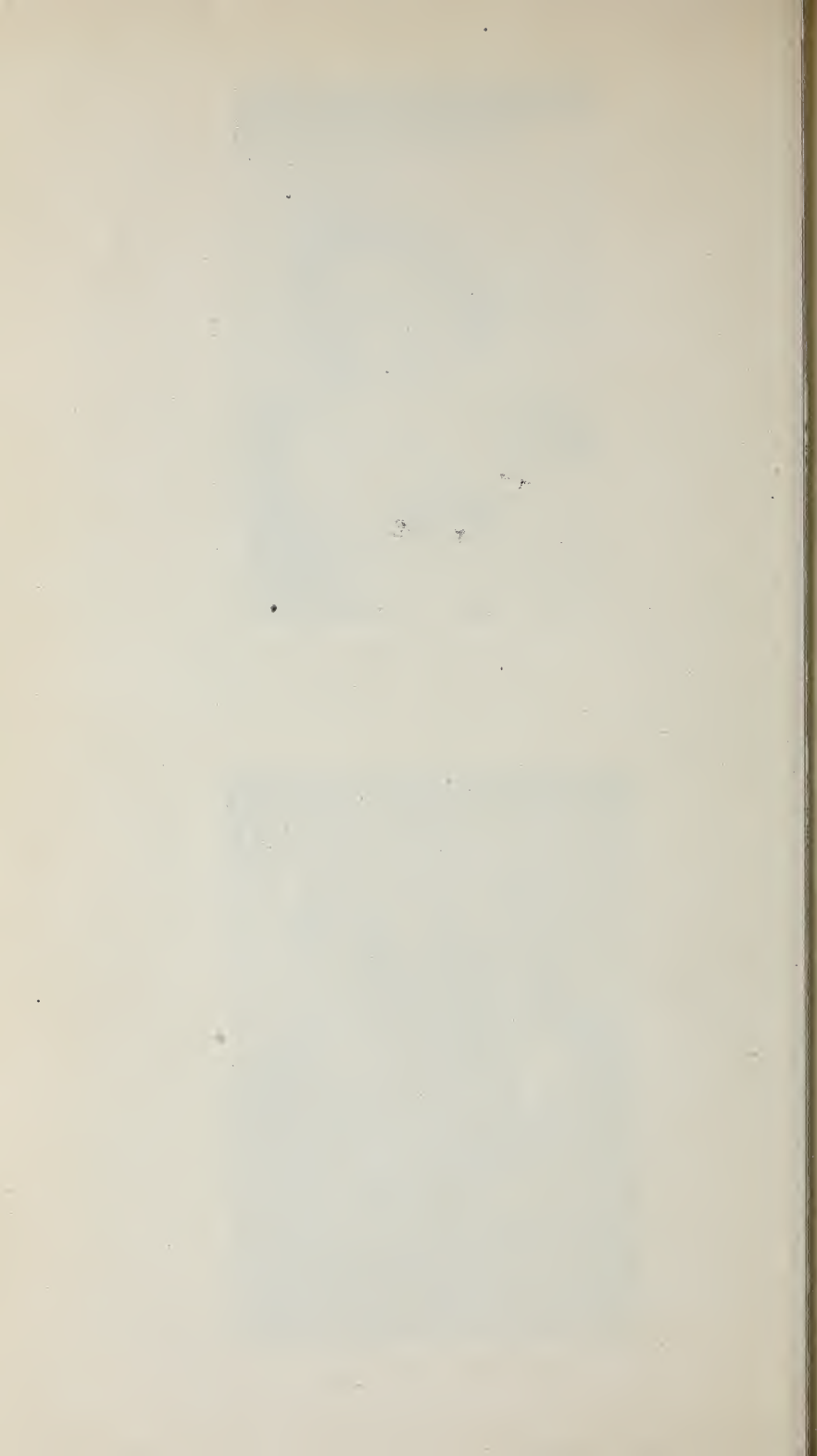
Winslow, son of Wm. Walker, Jr., by first wife, m. Jan. 13, 1835, Amanda M., b. May 23, 1815, dau. of Ichabod and Betsey (Goodin) Benson. Children:—Mercy H., b. Dec. 8, 1835, d. May, 1836; Wm. Chandler, b. Apr. 24, 1837, m. Mar. 22, 1863, Sarah M. Cilley of Wilton, b. May 10, 1847. He d. at Estherville, Iowa, Sept. 29, 1904. Moved from Peru about 1868. Children:—Charles H., b. Feb. 22, 1864, m. Mar. 15, 1891, Belle P. Morse; have dau., b. 1892; res., Dunnell, Minn.; occupation, a prosperous meat merchant. George Edgar, b. Nov. 5, 1866, m. Freda Anderson. Children, two sons and a dau. Occupation, insurance agent, Estherville, Iowa. Angie May, b. Feb. 25, 1869, m. Sept. 2, 1885, Albert Austin, farmer, southern Minn. Children:—Lena L., b. Aug. 9, 1874, d. Aug. 15, 1875; Alvah Benson, b. Apr. 19, 1880, d. May 3, 1882; six living. Wm. Winslow, b. Apr. 15, 1885, m. May 2, 1907, at Estherville, Iowa. Grace, dau. of Herbert W. Woods. Mr. Walker is assistant cashier of Iowa Savings Bank. He was reared a farmer, continuing till the age of 17 years, when



LILLIAN LUCILE WALKER, Estherville, Iowa.



A. B. WALKER, WIFE AND SON.



his ambition lead him to join the business centers in seeking wealth. He began banking, 1904. They have a bouncing girl, Lucian Lucile Walker, b. Oct. 12, 1910, weight 17 pounds when four months old. See cut.

Wm. Chandler Walker, m. Sarah M. Cilley, b. Wilton, Me., dau. of John K. Cilley, b. in Andover, N. H., 1817, and Amanda Carter, b. in Bow, N. H., 1827, d. 1856, dau. of Hiram Carter, b. in Concord, N. H., June 18, 1802, d. Nov. 3, 1890, and Sally A. Mayhew of Livermore, Me. Col. John Carter, great-grandfather of Sarah M., served in the Revolutionary War, and in War of 1812 as Lieut. Col. He was b. 1759, d. 1847. He was a native of Concord, N. H. Reader will note that above dates reveal that the mother of Sarah M. Cilley d. when she was about eight years old, which accounts for her adoption in the family of Anson Hall in Wilton, her home at time of her marriage. He came of the N. H. Halls and m. Fanny, the dau. of Goin and Eunice Knight of Peru. They had four children, the oldest a son. Names of the others were Betsey, Eunice and Albion. Here is opportunity for candidates to "Daughters of American Revolution."

Alfred B., second son, b. Aug. 22, 1840, m. July 1, 1865, Mary Lucia Colby, Mill, N. H., dau. of Hiram and Judith Colby. Their child, Daniel Webster, b. Jan. 22, 1866, m. Oct. 12, 1889, Eva E., dau. of Otis Gammon, in Peru. Their children:—Colby C. Walker, b. Dec. 7, 1891; Mildred E., b. July 28, 1890; Merton O., b. Oct. 9, 1893; Stella M., b. Feb. 19, 1897; Luena, b. Aug. 11, 1899; Wilma Eva, b. Dec. 18, 1902. Colby C. entered Bates Coll. (English course), Sept., 1910.

Third son of Winslow and Amanda Walker was Chas. Winslow, b. July 4, 1845, m. around 1866, Lyda Hathaway, in Canton, dau. of Tolman Hathaway. Their children:—Frank Leslie, m. Julia Merrill, school teacher of Portland. They have two sons and two daughters. Last birth, Mar., 1909, a son and daughter. Minnie, m. Geo. Glover, a farmer in Rumford. Children:—Jennie, m. Mr. Towne, commercial traveler; Charles, farmer and teamster at home; Alphonso, farmer on home farm; Lilly, dress-maker in Boston; Ella, pupil at Normal School, fitting for teacher.

The only daughter of Winslow was Abbie Griffith, b. Feb. 12, 1843, m. Pub., Jan. 25, 1861, Walter Scott Newton. He was a soldier, Co. C, 16th Me. Their children:—Alfred Walter, b. July 16, 1861. See Abraham Newton's children and their mar-

riage. Fred Grant, b. May 5, 1864, m. Mar. 31, 1883, Matilda Correna, dau. of Albion K. P. and Emily (Barstow) Knight. They had son, Roy, and parted. Russell Andrew, b. Sept. 24, 1866; Winslow Perley, b. Sept. 29, 1868; Fannie Grace, b. Feb. 13, 1870, m. Nov. 10, 1889, Valentine C. Neal, Livermore, a prosperous farmer. Walter S. Newton d. Nov. 10, 1870, ae. 33 years; his widow m. Oct. 1, 1876, Samuel F. Robinson. No issue. She d. Oct. 16, 1881, in Peru.

Samuel F. Robinson was b. in Livermore. His sister, Martha J., m. Sidney Austin. He was a useful citizen, doing carpenter work. He served as town clerk a term of years, and lastly was postmaster several years at West Peru. He m. (2nd) Dec. 1, 1888, Ella C., dau. of Cyrus Dorr. Children:—Grace E., m. Otto Holt in Dixfield; Chas. M., a graduate of high school. Mr. Robinson joined Baptist church Apr. 14, 1877. He was a devoted husband, forbearing. Wife d. Feb. 11, 1908. He d. at his home Sept. 24, 1909. Highly respected.

Nathan Walker, b. May 9, 1792, m. Fannie, dau. of Daniel Torrey, Dixfield. Children:—Clarissa, b. May 3, 1822, did not marry, d. July 29, 1845; Sarah Ann, b. May 3, 1824, m. Standish Sampson in Hartford; George Danforth, b. July 31, 1826. He left town about 1850 or before. After a few years he was reported in Canada, having a wife and two children, a son, Fred. He returned to his father's home, then near West Peru, where he d. June 12, 1859. Nancy Ellen, b. Apr. 12, 1830, m. Sylvester Washburn, Hartford, published Apr. 15, 1853. They moved to Aroostook in after years and had several children. He became a victim of free love, left family and home for parts unknown, and never returned. Wife d. there. Children known:—Alice, Ernest, Gertrude. They lived at Caribou. Tabitha Sibyl Walker, b. Apr. 20, 1833, d. Nov. 27, 1842.

Fannie Freeland Walker, b. Feb. 12, 1835, m. Sept. 16, 1865, in Bridgton, Mass., Edward P. Cleaves. Occupation, dealer in stoves and hardware. He d. in 1877. No issue. Mrs. Cleaves remarried in 1892, Edmund Stuart, a merchant tailor in Concord, Mass., where he d. in 1898. No issue. Mrs. Stuart is now living, 1910, at No. 9 Pleasant Ave., Woodfords, Me.

Wm. Snow Walker, b. Mar. 27, 1837, m. May 8, 1862, Harriet L. Tucker, b. Mar. 11, 1842, dau. of William and Lydia (Ludlow) Tucker. Children:—Fred O., b. June 6, 1863; Kate Carro, b. Dec. 24, 1864, m. Ralph M. Woodsum, b. July 9, 1866, son of

Wm. and Hattie M. (Demeritt) Woodsum. Wm. Snow d. Dec. 12, 1904. He and wife were zealous church members, he of Free Baptist church and wife of Congregational church. Julia Augusta, b. Oct. 2, 1842, d. 1887; Clara Jane, b. Aug. 25, 1845, m. 1865, C. F. Wetherbee in Peru. Children:—One son, and four daughters, living and farmers. Julia and Clara were daughters of Nathan Walker. Nathan Walker, m. second wife, her maiden name was Betsey A. Eustis, North Hampton, Mass., Pub. Feb. 9, 1853, to Betsey A. Willoughby, "widow." He d. June 10, 1863. She d. Mar. 3, 1874. Graves of Nathan Walker and first wife are in the Knight Cem. Both were among the founders of the Methodist Episcopal church in Peru.

Fred O., son of Wm. Snow Walker, m. Sadie W., Mar. 29, 1884, dau. of Virgil P. and Caroline (Woodsum) Hall. Had dau., Lelia. Wife deserted family. She next m. P. L. Bates, a R. R. operative at Bangor, Me. Fred O., divorced, m. (2nd) around 1898, Ida Moore, a telegraph operator at West Peru station at one time. Mr. Walker has dealt in hardware, Congress St., Rumford, 15 years or more. He is a prominent member in the Methodist church and other organizations there. There was notice in paper that Miss Lelia Walker while on a visit to her mother, Mrs. P. L. Bates, in Bangor, would on June 16, 1910, be married to Fred W. Smith of Rumford and would continue their residence at the latter place, where Mr. Smith is employed in the P. O.

Rebecca Walker, b. Oct. 9, 1795, m. about 1815, Wm. Kyle, then in Peru, a brother to Amos Kyle. Children:—Wm. M., b. Nov. 10, 1815; Sibyl, b. Oct. 13, 1817; Mary, b. Oct. 28, 1819. This family moved to Rumford. Sibyl Walker, b. Aug. 14, 1794, m. Enoch Perkins. She d. Mar. 19, 1816.

Charity Walker, b. Nov. 27, 1797, m. Apr. 17, 1815, Amos Kyle, Peru. Children:—Eleanor, b. Oct. 15, 1815, m. Mar. 16, 1834, Moses True, Peru. They moved to Fayette around 1840. Charity, Jr., b. Dec. 18, 1817, m. Apr. 5, 1842, Wm. Cooper in Paris. Charles Walker Kyle, b. Aug. 27, 1820, m. July, 1843, Louanna Soper of Livermore. He was a member of a shoe firm at Lewiston several years. Amos Merrill Kyle, b. Mar. 10, 1822, m. (1st) Sarah G. Bachelder, dau. of Nathaniel of Fayette, m. about 1847. She d. in 1866. See family of Amos M. Kyle.

Mary Walker, b. June 26, 1800, m. Edsel Grover, removed to Cambridge, d. Sept. 5, 1842. Dea. Samuel Walker, b. Nov. 26,

1805, m. Pub., Feb. 6, 1831 (1st), Mary N. Kyle of Minot. She d. 1837. Children:—Serena H., b. July 10, 1831, m. Wm. Keith. Have son, Walter, and dau., m. Hayford in Monmouth. Mary d. July 16, 1835, ae. one year; Elizabeth, b. 1833, m. Sumner Noyes. Mr. Walker m. (2nd) Rachel H. Nash, b. 1807. Children:—Winslow Walker, m. Orvilla Jones, Lewiston; Marilla M., d. Mar. 10, 1845, ae. three years, three months; Sarah M., d. Dec. 12, 1857, ae. three years, 10 months. Dea. Samuel Walker d. in Peru, Feb. 4, 1881. His wife, Rachel, d. May 19, 1900, ae. 92 years, six months. They were interred in Canton Cem. First wife buried in Auburn, Me. Writer has knowledge that Dea. Walker and last wife were devoted Christians, and presumes first wife was the same.

Eliza S., the 12th and last child of Wm. and Sibyl Walker, b. Apr. 20, 1808, m. Joseph Ricker, Peru Cent., Sept. 4, 1825. He was the only blacksmith here from early twenties till his death, Jan. 24, 1845, ae. 43 years. His widow d. Apr. 1, 1849, ae. 41 years. Children:—Mary Ann, b. Nov. 7, 1826, d. Aug. 7, 1827; Rosanna, b. Feb. 11, 1828, m. 1850, Ezekiel A. Poland. They had two sons, Joseph Edwin C., b. May 7, 1851, d. July 3, 1898, and Henry W., b. Mar. 3, 1853. Their mother, suffering from derangement of mind, inherited from her grandmother Walker, ended life by hanging, Aug. 12, 1853. Joseph Edwin C., m. July 19, 1877, Ada L. Rich, dau. of John F. and Anna E. Rich, Woodstock, b. Sept. 21, 1857. Their children:—Carrie L., b. July 12, 1879, d. Oct. 31, 1894; Carroll H., b. June 5, 1881, d. Apr. 5, 1882; Wesley E., b. Mar. 25, 1883; Walter P., b. Oct. 15, 1886; Leon L., b. Mar. 12, 1893. The head of the following family is a prosperous farmer at Labrador pond, Sumner, Me.: Henry Wesley Poland, m. Jan. 2, 1883, Frances Ellen, dau. of Joshua and Lucy Russell Young. Wife b. Nov. 19, 1857. Their children:—Llewellyn Henry, b. Jan. 2, 1886; Florence Lucy, b. Dec. 6, 1890. The parent, Henry Wesley Poland, d. Apr. 12-13, 1908. His wife's mother was the dau. of Ephraim Russell, Sr., in Hartford. She worked for writer's father, doing housework two years in middle forties. She was highly respected.

The third dau. of Eliza (Walker) Ricker, Elnora, b. Apr. 7, 1829, m. Liberty Hall, second, son of Jeremiah, Aug., 1849. No issue, and d. in Peru, Aug. 12, 1852, of consumption. Ardelia, b. Nov. 13, 1831, m. May, 1854, Armstrong Webster of Gray. He enlisted Jan. 9, 1864. Corp., Co. K. 30th Me. Inf., ae. 41 years,

d. of disease June 17, 1864, in army service, at Louisiana. Wife d. June 24, 1868. Their children:—Louville, b. in Gray, Mar. 27, 1855, m. Mar. 22, 1879, in Peru, Francelia A. Twombly of Rumford. One child, Flora Hortense, b. in Rumford, June 23, 1880. Wife d. in Providence, R. I., Apr. 12, 1896. Mr. Webster resides in Greene, R. I., a farmer and mason. Albert, b. in Gorham, Aug. 29, 1856, m. Dec. 11, 1893, Clara Thayer of Blackstone, Mass. He runs a milk farm there. His child, Louis Armstrong, b. Sept. 26, 1894. Florence Adell, dau. of Ardelia Webster, b. in Gray, Sept., 1858, d. in Gorham, July 18, 1874; Julia Hortense, b. in Gray, June, 1862, m. in Gorham, June 28, 1900, Arthur S. Libby, a farmer. Res., Turner, Me. Children:—Hilda Viola, b. in Manchester, N. H., Apr. 16, 1901; Doris Ardelia, b. in Gorham, Me., July 8, 1903. Dates brought down to Sept., 1909.

Eleanor Kyle, b. Feb. 19, 1834, d. May 23, 1836; Charles Henry, b. Nov. 3, 1837, d. Jan. 22, 1838; Eliza Ellen, b. Mar. 28, 1840. See family of Joseph Ricker for children and those of Joseph Wesley, b. Nov. 23, 1842. Albert Webster joined the Baptist church in Peru in 1866. He was a resident and paid taxes here in 1881 on the Nathan Walker farm. In Aug. of same year he was at Woonsocket, R. I. Writer has his letter showing very scholarly and elegant penmanship. He showed sterling qualities and true nobility. He is an honor to the offspring of Peru.

Family of Wm. and Sibyl (Staples) Walker came to Peru, 1802:—Hezekiah, b. Jan. 4, 1784, m. Dorcas Hobbs of Livermore; Susannah, b. Apr. 9, 1785, m. Jedediah White, from Jay; George, b. Apr. 10, 1786, m. Melinda Holman of Livermore; Sally, b. June 2, 1788, m. Josiah Hobbs in Livermore; William, Jr., b. Sept. 30, 1790, m. (1st) Mary Knight, (2nd) Mercy Chase in Peru; Nathan, b. May 9, 1792, m. (1st) Fannie Torrey, (2nd) Betsey A. Willoughby; Sibyl, b. Aug. 14, 1794, m. Enoch Perkins in Topsham, d. Mar. 19, 1816; Rebecca, b. Oct. 9, 1795, m. Wm. Kyle in Peru; Charity, b. Nov. 27, 1797, m. Amos Kyle in Peru; Mary, b. June 26, 1800, m. Edsel Grover in Peru; Samuel, b. Nov. 26, 1805, m. (1st) Mary N. Kyle, (2nd) Rachel Nash, d. in Peru; Eliza, b. Apr. 20, 1808, m. Joseph Ricker in Peru.

The heads of this family and seven of their children as heads of families lived and d. in Peru. Two others married and raised families here and left town. The descendants of Wm. Walker, Jr., are the only representatives of the Walker family in Peru in

the year 1906. Those of Geo. Walker are at Bridgton, Me., and Lewiston; of Nathan Walker, at Rd. Falls, and scattered over the state. Daughter, Fannie, a widow in Portland, Me., P. O. Woodfords.

## Woodsum

Rev. William Woodsum, son of John Woodsum, was b. in Saco, Me., 1792, and left an orphan in boyhood. He m. in 1814, Rosannah Woodman, b. in Buxton, Me., 1795, d. in Peru, Oct. 27, 1862. They settled soon after m. in Sumner, continuing there 17 years. Next he made a clearing and built a log house on the Office Rowe farm, on Speer's stream, where one son, Chas. B., was born, and family lived till the frame house was built and made serviceable. A road was laid out by town from land of Woodsum to Adam Knight's mill, Apr. 13, 1832. This enabled him to build the frame house. Rev. Mr. Woodsum began his ministry not exceeding seven years after his marriage and continued 50 years. His first record of marriage returned to Peru is dated May 29, 1831. Bride and groom lived in Sumner, and up to Jan. 24, 1833, he had record of ten marriages of couples, one or both of Peru. He left record of attending about 400 funerals and received \$20 for same. He founded the Free Baptist church in Peru and continued its pastor nearly 40 years. This church got a new lease of life and its first church edifice as a legacy by A. C. Small. This is the only church that maintains an organization in town, 1910. Rev. Mr. Woodsum m. (2nd), 1864, Eliza Emerson. He d. July 24, 1872, interred beside first wife, Dickvale Cem.

Rev. Mr. Woodsum was representative of Peru in legislature, 1832, and his son, William, in 1875. Children:—Benjamin R., m. (1st) Permelia Leadbetter in Leeds. Wife d. He m. (2nd) Arrand Gould in Leeds. He d. in Fayette, 1877. Widow d. in California, 1887; Sarah W., b. May 18, 1818, m. Levi J. Atkins; Elnora, b. Jan. 31, 1816, m. Seth Jackson; Albert G., b. 1820, d. Aug. 2, 1850; Esther, b. July 2, 1824, m. Merrill Knight, 2nd; William, Jr., b. Jan. 25, 1826; Rufus, m. ——— Clark in Braintree, Mass. He d. in South Braintree. Widow survives, last known. Olive, m. Oct. 15, 1854, Franklin Bradford, formerly of Carthage. Res., Turner, later in Hartford, where he d. in 1875. No issue. Widow d. in Hebron, 1901-2. Charles Bean, b. July 29, 1832, in Peru, the first b. here; Rosannah, b. Oct. 24, 1834, m. Ansel Staples in Canton; Caroline, b. Mar. 4, 1839, m. Virgil P. Hall in Peru.

Marriages: Wm. Woodsum, Jr., m. Pub., Nov. 10, 1856, Hattie M. Demeritt, dau. of James M. and Harriet (Galacia) Demeritt of Lynn, Mass. He engaged in trade in the Alvah Small store prior to his marriage, and continued into the eighties. He served as town clerk several years and was county commissioner one term, after he quit trade. Mr. Woodsum was one of the main pillars of the Free Baptist church. He and family were devoted members of church and prominent members of the choir. He d. Jan. 4, 1898. Widow d. Oct. 19, 1898, ae. 62 years, four months, 13 days. Their children:—Ralph M., b. July 9, 1866, m. Nov. 29, 1890, Kate C., dau. of Wm. S. Walker. No issue. He was employed by the P. and R. F. Ry. as bookkeeper and train despatcher at Rd. Falls a term of years, and continues under the M. C. R. R. Res. at Rd. Falls.

Nathaniel B., b. Nov. 6, 1869, m. Dec. 25, 1881, Bertha P., dau. of Benj. B. Wyman. Their children are Gerald B. and Esther. Mr. Woodsum continues a resident at the homestead in West Peru Vill. He served here as station agent several years, and later is bookkeeper for the spool mills at Dixfield. This is the only representative family of Rev. Mr. Woodsum of family name in town, 1910. Sterling integrity and exemplary deportment are still family traits in the third generation. Of the 11 children of Rev. Mr. Woodsum, Chas. B. only survives. He m. Pub., June 18, 1857, Priscilla M., b. May 1, 1836, dau. of Bowers Walton of Peru. They removed to Holliston, Mass., where their only child, Maurice Bertine, was b., Apr. 25, 1863. He took a business course of study. He m. in 1885, Mary H. Dow of Dover, N. H. They have two sons and a daughter. Wife, Priscilla M., d. Aug., 1902. Albert G. Woodsum, m. Catherine Bragg, widow of Dr. Bragg of Hartford. Catherine Woodsum remarried a man by the name of Tinkham, a merchant at Mechanic Falls, where both closed this life.

Family of Ansel G. and Rosannah (Woodsum) Staples in Canton. Mr. Staples was b. Apr. 23, 1832, m. Jan. 21, 1855. d. Jan. 20, 1908. Wife d. Feb. 28, 1898. They were leading active members of the Free Baptist church many years at Canton, and highly respected citizens. Each had taught several terms of school prior to their marriage. Children:—Mary A., b. Sept. 8, 1858, d. Oct., 1871; Flora H., b. Jan. 3, 1863, m. Edward L. Bisbee in Canton; Mary Louise, b. Sept. 1, 1867, a popular vocal and instrumental teacher of music; Edith E., b. Feb. 1, 1873, m. Simeon B. Ellis in Canton.

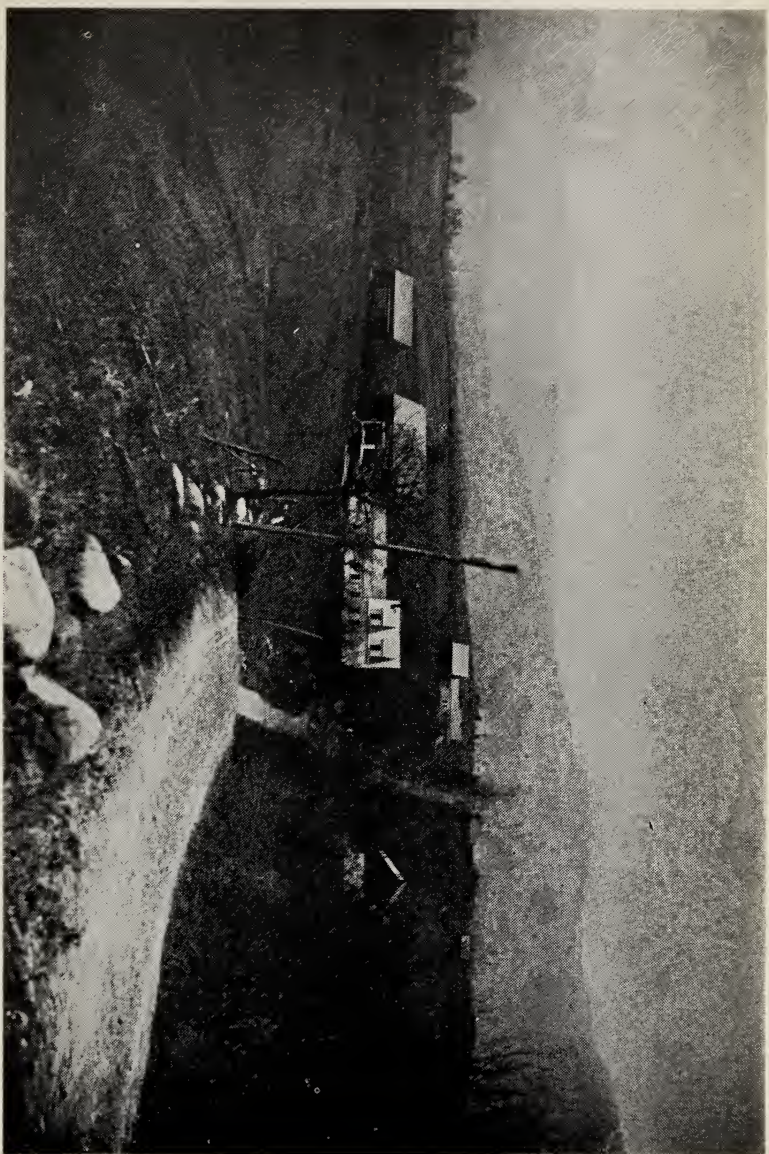
## Wyman Family

Ancestors of the Wyman family as given by Rev. Windsor H. Wyman of North Abington, Mass.: Since your letter arrived, I have traced my own history back to Europe. I have before me nine names. Francis Wyman was b. in 1617, if I am rightly informed, and came to this country about 1630 or 1631. He had a son, Thomas, who was b. in 1671, and that Thomas had a son, Thomas, who was b. in 1697, and his son, Abraham, was b. in 1727 in Woburn, Mass. He had a son, Thomas, b. in 1770, and his son, Samuel Stillman, was b. in 1809, and his son, Elisha Smith, was b. in 1834, his oldest son, Windsor H., was b. in 1857, and his oldest son, Richard M., was born in 1892.

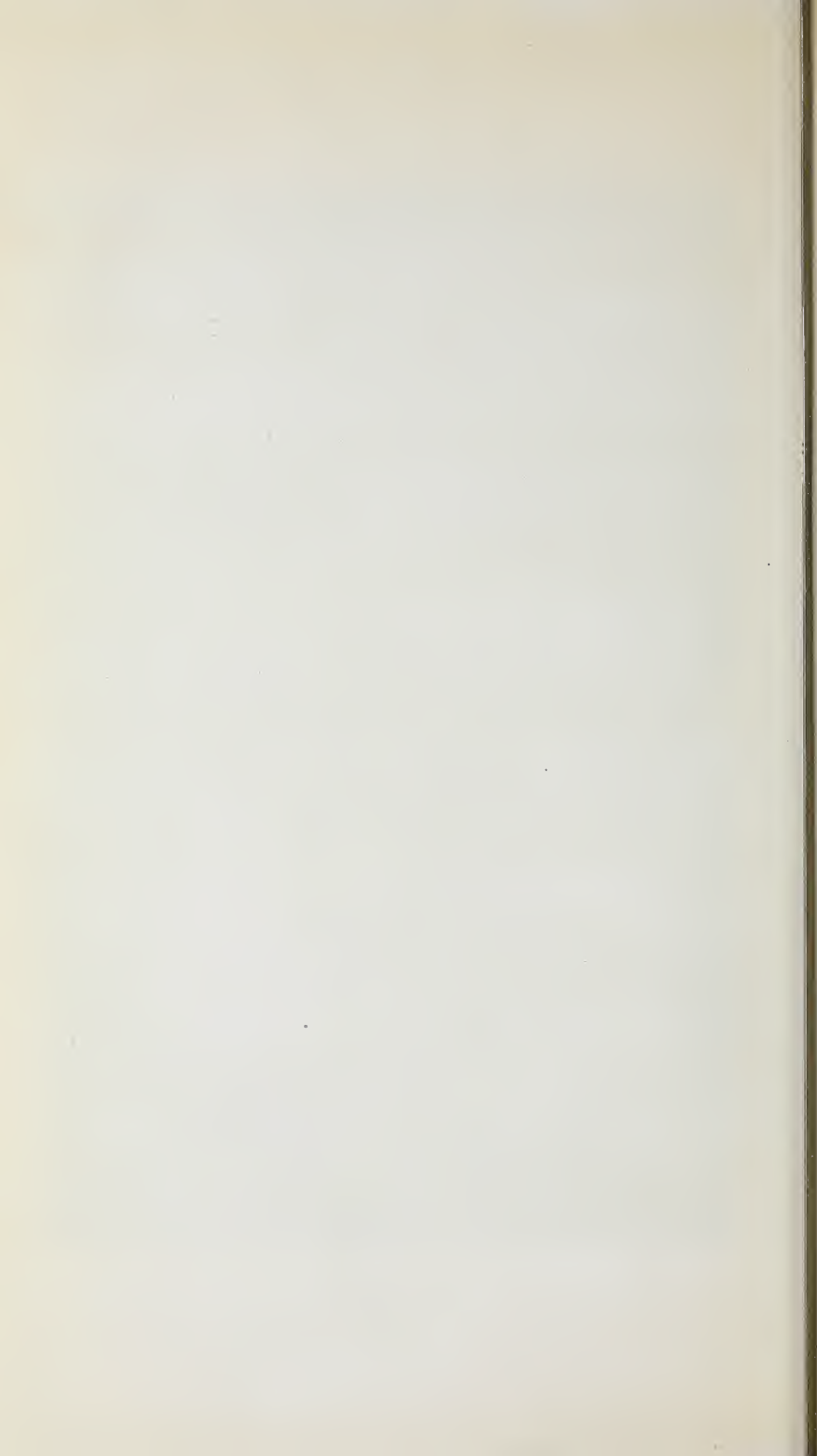
Abraham Wyman went from Woburn, Mass., to Winthrop, Me., now known as Readfield, and m. a woman by the name of Call. They had several sons. Daniel, the oldest, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was a great Indian fighter and a hunter withal. On his seventieth birthday he killed two moose at one shot.

The second son, Thomas Wyman, was b. in Winthrop, Aug. 10, 1770, and d. in Livermore, Feb. 1, 1825. He married for his wife, Susanna, dau. of Elisha Smith, who was b. in Readfield, July 17, 1775, and d. Mar. 30, 1825; both d. in Livermore, where they spent the greater part of their lives. Their children were 15 in number:—Eliza, b. in Livermore, Jan. 19, 1789; Sally, b. in Livermore, Dec. 27, 1790; Wm., 1st, b. in Livermore, Apr. 21, 1795, d. in infancy; Wm., 2nd, b. in Livermore, May 20, 1796; Nancy, b. in Livermore, Sept. 22, 1799; Thos., 1st, b. in Livermore, Jan. 22, 1800, d. at the age of 14; Susanna, b. in Livermore, June 27, 1802, d. Dec. 19, 1825, in her 23rd year; Martin L., b. in Livermore, Mar. 20, 1804, d. May 27, 1825, at the age of 21; John C. 1st, b. in Livermore, June 18, 1805, d. June 19, 1806; John C., 2nd, b. in Livermore, Apr. 10, 1807; Sam'l Stillman, b. in Greene, Sept. 11, 1809; Elisha Smith, b. in Livermore, May 15, 1811, d. in Texas, Jan. 26, 1853; Henry Harrison, b. in Livermore, Sept. 10, 1813; Thos. Wyman, 2nd, b. in Livermore, Mar. 16, 1817; Benj. B., b. in Livermore, Oct. 1, 1821, d. May 9, 1829. 1829.

From this record, taken from Thos. Wyman's family Bible, it appears that Samuel Stillman Wyman was the eleventh child of a family of 15 children, several of whom d. in infancy and early life. Eliza became the wife of Wm. Moore of Jay, and Nancy



From High Street down Pigeon Street. First on left the John C. Wyman, Sr., farm, where mica mine was developed around 1900.



became the wife of Peter Moore, a brother of William, of Jay also. Sally never married. William, the second, became a Baptist preacher and married for his wife, Lucy Warren. He d. Dec. 10, 1868, in the town of Livermore, where he spent his life. To this couple there were born Thos. and William King, who married and lived in Livermore the entire period of their lives. They had two daughters, Amanda and Sarah. Amanda became the wife of Walter Wing of Livermore, father of Geo. C. Wing of Auburn, and Sarah became the wife of Nelson White of Dixfield, now for several years living in retirement in Winthrop, Me. It may be there were other children, but I have no record of them. Both sons and both daughters of Wm. Wyman have passed on. John Calvin, the second, next in order of those who lived to mature age, m. Betsey Lyford of Livermore. In early life they moved to Peru. To them were born three sons and two daughters—Susanna, who became the wife of Albion Knox; Thos., who m. Nancy Piper; Martin Luther, who still survives at an advanced age in the town of Rumford; John C., who now resides in Peru; and Betsey, who became the wife of Wm. Trask. Only two of this family remain. It appears that about this time Thos. Wyman and his wife moved to Greene, where Samuel Stillman, their eleventh child, was born. They moved back to Livermore shortly after this, where the rest of their children were born.

To Samuel Stillman Wyman were born three sons and one daughter that grew to mature age—Nancy, who became the wife of Andrew Jackson Churchill of Peru; Otis, who lives in the old homestead at Rumford, which was formerly Peru, now in his 78th year; Elisha Smith, who also lived and d. in Peru, Sept. 14, 1892; and Stillman Gibbs, who, in his 71st year, is residing in North Abington, Mass. In addition to those who grew up, there was at least a pair of twins that d. in infancy. Henry Harrison m. Mary White. He spent the greater part of his life in Rumford, where he raised up a large family of children. These facts were taken, in a large measure, from the record in the old family Bible that was my grandfather's, Thos. Wyman. Some of the dates are considerably blurred, but for the most part I think you will find them correct.

W. H. WYMAN.

Rev. Samuel Stillman Wyman was b. in the town of Greene, Me., Sept. 11, 1809. June 17, 1829, he m. Mehitabel, dau. of Frank

Gibbs of Livermore and Phoebe (Edes) Gibbs of Chesterville. Mehitable was b. Jan. 31, 1812. Rev. Samuel S. Wyman d. Mar. 25, 1889, and his wife d. Oct. 23, 1891. He was ordained a Baptist minister in 1843, largely through the efforts of Robinson Turner, Sr. He labored in conjunction with several other local preachers in Carthage, Peru, Rumford, and other adjoining towns for over forty years. He performed a large number of marriages, always returning the marriage fee to the poor. He kept an open house to all callers through life. He championed the abolition cause in the days of its infancy. At a presidential election in the town of Peru, when there were but seven who voted that ticket, as he handed over his ballot he said, "Here is another vote for liberty."

Children of Rev. Samuel S. Wyman:—Nancy, b. Nov. 6, 1830, Peru, d. Mar. 26, 1903; Otis, b. Aug. 14, 1832, m. (1st) Pub., Mar. 30, 1855, Mary A. Fuller; Elisha Smith, b. Aug. 13, 1834, m. Pub., June 22, 1856, Matilda K., dau. of Robert and Betsey (Whitcomb) Barstow, d. Sept. 14, 1892; Stillman Gibbs, b. Dec. 12, 1840, m. Pub., July 22, 1862, Olive W., b. Dec. 9, 1839, dau. of Elbridge G. and Deborah K. Hall of Peru. Their dau., Ethel Frances, b. Jan. 31, 1865.

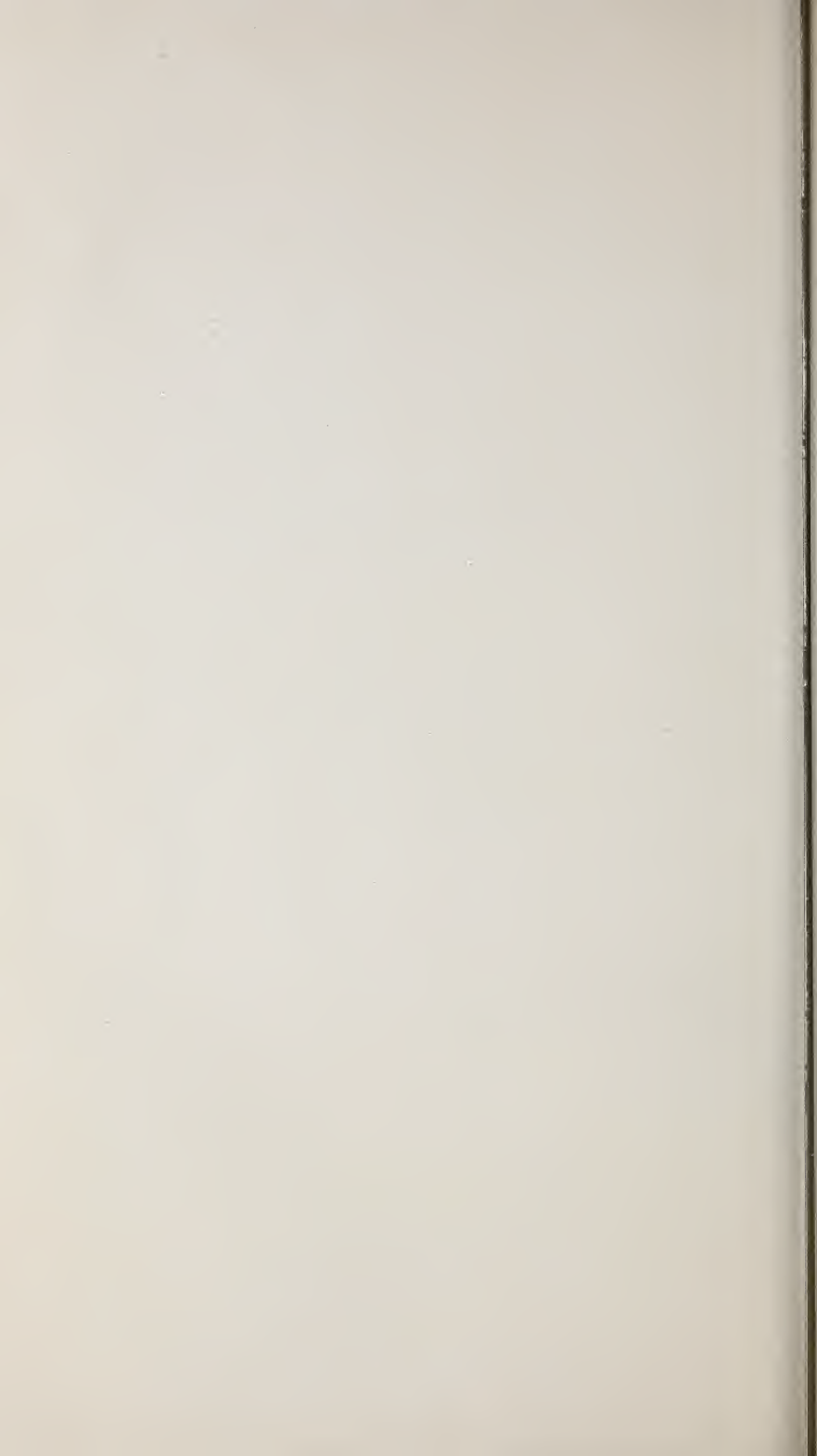
Children of Otis and Mary A. Wyman:—Ransom D., b. Jan. 21, 1858, m. Mar. 12, 1880, Calista J., dau. of Peleg Oldham. He d. Feb. 17, 1901. Edmer Augusta, b. Sept. 20, 1861. She was an amiable, promising young lady. Having attained the qualifications of an instructor of youth, she began the labors of her chosen profession and taught one term of town school, when her health failed and the rose of promise was nipped in the bud. She d., beloved and lamented by all, Dec. 7, 1882. Edgar Otis, b. May 5, 1872, m. Jennie Hopkins, dau. of John Hopkins of Peru. Mary A. Fuller was a member of Rev. S. S. Wyman's family from girlhood up to her marriage. She was a devoted Christian mother, highly esteemed by all. She d. Apr. 15, 1879, ae. 40 years, 4½ months.

Otis Wyman m. (2nd) June 14, 1882, Emily Thompson of Rumford, b. Nov. 1, 1835. It was her province to care tenderly for dau., Edmer, during the last months of her sickness. Mrs. Wyman was a woman of refinement, of Christian graces and high ideals. They lived happily in the bonds of matrimony over 14 years, till she was called to a higher life, Dec. 31, 1896.

Mr. Wyman m. (3d) Nov. 26, 1899, Gertrude E. Morton, b. Aug. 2, 1853, on Deer Island, N. B. (widow), dau. of Alexander T. and Rebecca J. Lord. Wife first m. George Morton. No issue.



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Children of Ransom D., son of Otis, b. in Peru:—Edna K., b. Mar. 23, 1884; Earl O., b. Apr. 20, 1887; Mary E., b. June 14, 1888; Georgia. Calista Wyman, widow of Ransom, m. (2nd) Christopher Reed of Rumford.

Children of Edgar Otis, son of Otis Wyman:—Earlon O., b. in Peru, annex to Rumford, Sept. 18, 1897; Mildred, b. Sept., 1899; Thelma, b. Feb., 1901; Ransom D., b. Dec. 15, 1903; Donald E., b. Feb. 12, 1907. P. O., Dixfield; occupation, farmer.

Children of Stillman Gibbs Wyman and their marriage:—Ethel Frances, b. Jan. 31, 1865, m. Dec. 1, 1883, Sidney Littlefield, have dau., Theo E., res., Woodstock, Me.; Delia Augusta, b. Nov. 9, 1869, m. Sept., 1890, John E. Hathaway in Woodstock; Mabel M., b. Apr. 14, 1872, m. Oct. 1, 1894, Harris L. Elliott at Rd. Falls; Wilma H., b. May 7, 1875, d. Oct. 15, 1875; Walton Gibbs, b. Mar. 15, 1885, res. with parents at North Abington, Mass.

Otis Wyman is a prosperous farmer on the Wyman homestead, that was, before the town line was changed, the last farm in Peru on the main road to Rumford. He has special endowments that have served him well along certain lines. Years ago he dealt in hops. Most of dealers became bankrupt. He always sold at the opportune moment to strike a balance on right side of ledger. Another feature of his genius: A casual look over a tract of timber, without count, would enable him to estimate quite exact the amount of lumber standing. It was the basis of negotiations involving several thousands of dollars with other parties. On his home farm he made a lump sale for three thousand dollars more than was first offered him. The average man gets beat unawares.

Windsor H. Wyman was b. in Peru, Me., now Rumford, Apr. 14, 1857. He was the oldest son of Elisha Smith and Matilda (Barstow) Wyman. He was m. on his 23rd birthday, Apr. 14, 1880, to Mabel Frances Dearborn, dau. of John C. and Amanda F. Dearborn of Canton, Me. On Oct. 25, 1881, the first Mrs. Wyman passed away. On May 27, 1886, Windsor H. Wyman again married, this time Flora Alma McIntyre, b. in Perham, Me., Feb. 26, 1864. She was the dau. of Chas. S. and Ella F. (Moody) McIntyre. To Mr. and Mrs. Wyman were born the following children:—Florence Mabel, b. in No. Abington, Mass., May 23, 1889, in Coll., 1910; Richard McIntyre, b. in No. Abington, Mass., Apr. 28, 1892, in Hebron Academy; Donald Dearborn, b. in No. Abington, Mass., Apr. 27, 1898; Rachael Alma, b. in No. Abington,

Mass., Dec. 21, 1903; and an infant, who lived but three days, b. May, 1907.

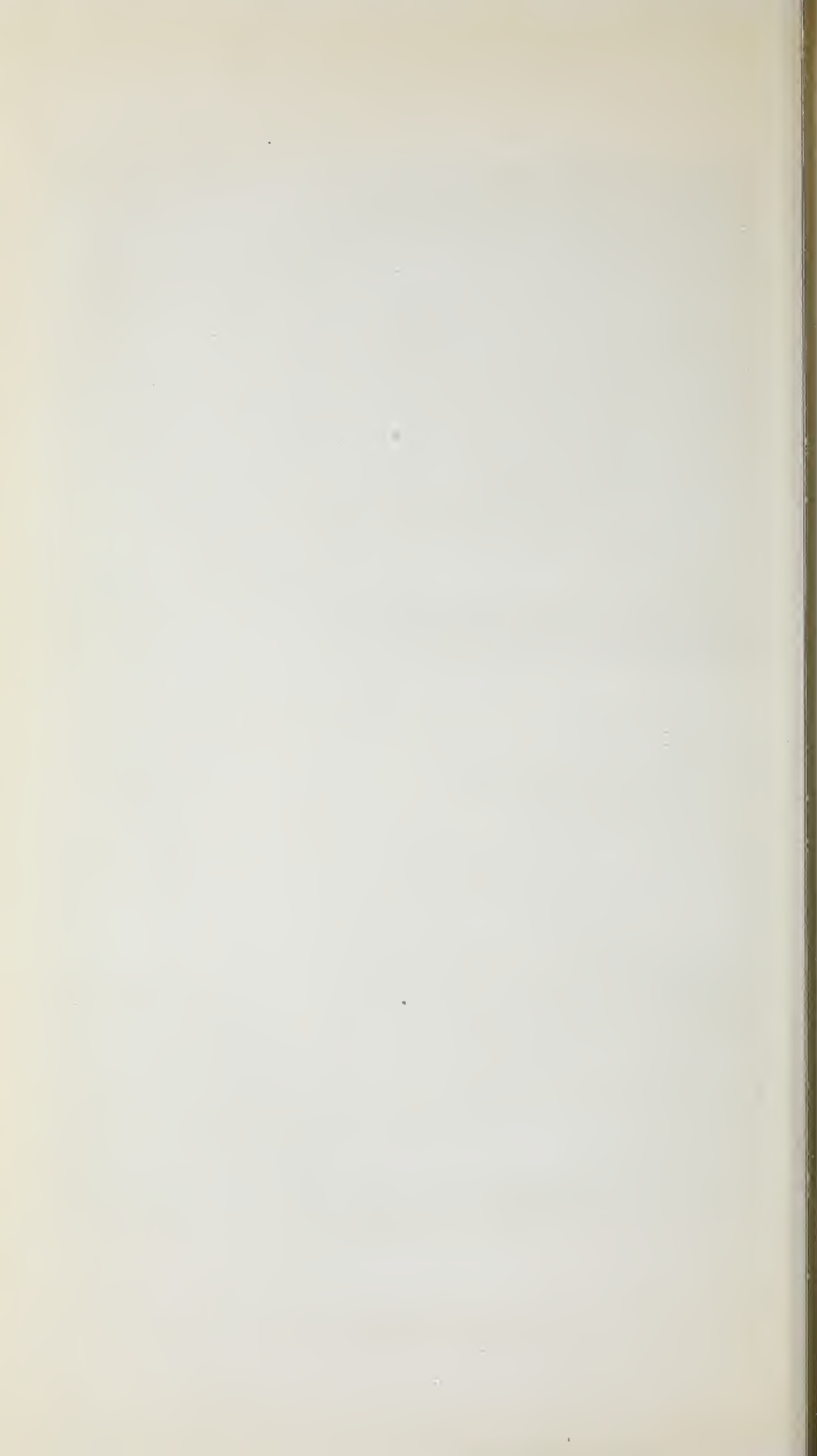
Other children of Elisha S. and Matilda K. Wyman:—Florence Edith, b. July 4, 1861. She was scholarly and brilliant, was fitting for school teaching, and following this vocation when failing health cut short her career. "So fades the lovely blooming flower"; d. Nov. 16, 1883.

Ozroe A., b. Mar. 9, 1868, was reared a farmer, attended the district school and became quite scholarly, was school teacher, and next a student in some of the higher seminaries, in view of a professional life. Having acquired a good business education, he finally chose nursery farming as more lucrative. He is nicely located and prosperous at Rockland, Mass. He m. Nov. 28, 1895, Alice C. McDonald, b. North Abington, Aug. 12, 1871, dau. of Alex, b. Nova Scotia, and Aurelia, b. Foxboro, Mass., McDonald, North Abington, Mass. Children:—Lester M., b. May 15, 1898; Louise, b. July 26, 1900; Robert D., b. Jan. 3, 1904, d. Mar. 13, 1906; Elsie, b. Nov. 4, 1907. This man maintains the Christian character and high standing of the Wyman family for many generations. He helped to maintain religious service at the old meeting house in Peru several years after he left town.

Thomas Wyman the father of Rev. Samuel S., was a Baptist minister and one of the seventeen members who organized the first Baptist church in Livermore, over a century ago. Two of his sons, Wm. and Samuel, as stated, followed his profession. And coming down to his great-grandson, Rev. Windsor H. Wyman, we have an able representative in the pulpit, a graduate of Newton, Mass., Theological Seminary, though he is engaged much of the time along industrial lines. As a business manager, single handed, he has no peers. He was born a genius. Penetrating and far-seeing, he was led to convert an old abandoned farm at North Abington, Mass., into blooming nurseries as a source of profit. The plant is named "The Bay State Nurseries," of world-wide fame. His keen eye of discernment was the first to observe the golden opportunity to supply all admirers of plants, flowers and shrubs with the products of every climate. He has built up a thriving business in this line, of which he is proprietor. His wife, Mrs. Flora A., was a member of Edward Little High School, Auburn, before marriage and taught school in Peru, Dist. No. 7, in spring of 1886. She is remembered as a fine lady, an able and efficient instructor.



1830. Dickvale from schoolhouse and cemetery at right to Wymen Mill. See Lovejoy farm up side of Mountain at right. Cleared 1821.



John C. Wyman, m. Betsey T. Lyford, b. Brentwood, N. H., the dau. of Frank and Sarah (Tuck) Lyford, Livermore, Me. This was a Christian family, honorable and industrious. He d. Nov. 26, 1884, ae. 77 years, 6½ months. His wife d. Sept. 24, 1892, ae. 85 years, 5½ months. Their children:—Susannah S., b. June 12, 1829, m. Albion K. Knox; Thomas, b. Mar. 23, 1831, m. Nov., 1853, Nancy C., dau. of Wm. Piper. He was a soldier, Co. H, 10th Me. war of 1861; d. Apr. 7, 1868. Martin Luther, b. Dec. 4, 1834, m. July, 1858, Tryphena Thomas, Rumford; Betsey Lyford, b. Sept. 30, 1836, m. Wm. H. Trask, Peru; John C., Jr., b. Mar. 15, 1838, m. Abbie F. Robinson, Pub., Mar. 19, 1866.

Children of Thomas and Nancy C. Wyman:—Clarence A., b. Oct. 8, 1854, d. Jan. 7, 1862; Josephine S., b. Aug. 19, 1857, m. Erastus T. Abbott, son of Erastus I. Wife d. Child, Alvah, d. Henrietta Adelia, b. Mar. 18, 1860, m. Job R. Morrill; Francis L., b. Feb. 17, 1863, m. Mabel Rounds of Norway. They had three children. He was killed, fell from train of cars in Abington, Mass. Clinton M., d. June 16, 1867, ae. 2 years. Esther I., b. Aug. 19, 1867, m. John Harding of Milton Pl. Res., Mass. Children of Francis L. are Harold L. Wyman, Leroy and John Francis Wyman in Norway, Me.

Children of Martin Luther and Tryphena Wyman, dau. of John Thomas of Rumford:—Oscar Eugene, b. Sept. 24, 1857. They had five children. Willard is the only one living, 1909. Aroline Ardilla, b. Apr. 7, 1861. Children of John C., Jr., and Abbie F. Wyman:—Thomas A., b. Apr. 30, 1868, m. May 11, 1889; Effie M. Gordon; Mary Etta, b. Feb. 11, 1870, d. ae. 10 months; Flora A., b. Feb. 3, 1875, m. Grafton B. Gordon; Florence, m. June 15, 1910, Herbert L. Shaw, ae. 24, of Buckfield. Children of Thomas A. Wyman:—Lester, d. May 18, 1895, ae. 4½ months; Ethel G., d. June 23, 1900, ae. 10 years, four months; Guy, d. June 25, 1900, ae. three years, four months, 24 days.

Henry Harrison Wyman, b. Sept. 19, 1813, in Livermore, d. Mar. 29, 1883, Rumford, m. Apr. 20, 1836, Mary W., b. May 28, 1813, in Dixfield, dau. of Dea. James White. She d. Feb. 9, 1892, Carthage. Their children:—Eliza J., b. Aug. 9, 1836, m. Frank Richmond, Rumford, had three children. He d. She m. (2nd) John Burgess, Woodstock; both d. James Henry, b. June 3, 1838, m. Jane Bartlett, Jay; had one child. Benj. Bradford, b. Mar. 5, 1840, in Peru, m. Mar. 16, 1865, Betsey Rolf, b. in Peru, Aug.

14, 1838, dau. of Elbridge G. and Deborah K. Hall of Peru. He was of Rumford race of Hall family, and wife was Hall of N. H. Dorrington, b. Nov. 21, 1841, m. Lucilla R. Howe, May 27, 1875. Dorrington Wyman enlisted in 4th Bat., Me. Vols., Feb. 9, 1865, was honorably discharged June 21, 1865. He d. July 18, 1893. Widow and children granted a pension. Martha O., b. May 22, 1843, did not marry. Nancy White, b. Oct. 22, 1845, m. Eliphalet Goodwin, Kennebunk, Me. Samuel S., b. July 31, 1847, m. (1st) May 1, 1869, Susie Crumbie, Mass.; m. (2nd) ———— Marshall of Rumford. Have four children living:—Adelbert N., b. Dec. 24, 1851, m. 1880, Annie Safford, res., Iowa, one child; Horace M., b. June 9, 1854, d. 1855; Thomas E., b. Apr. 2, 1856, m. Elizabeth Carney, he d. July 29, 1904; Rand W., b. June 10, 1868, m. Mary A. Gorman, had three children, one in Spanish War. Children of Benj. Bradford Wyman:—Bertha P., b. Nov. 9, 1870, m. Nathaniel B. Woodsum; Elbridge H., b. Feb. 12, 1873, m. Dora, dau. of Phineas Abbott, Rumford Ctr. Mr. Wyman's res. is at Dickvale, where he d. May 15, 1911.

## York

Gustavus York came from Monmouth in 1840 and settled on the Fred Davenport farm. His wife, Attie, and their three oldest children, constituted the family then. Children:—George N., b. Monmouth, Jan. 17, 1833; Henry Albert, b. Nov. 8, 1836, went to Boston, m. Mary Madden, and d.; Samuel N., b. Oct. 1, 1838, m., 1868 to 1870, Dorcas Burgess (divorced). They lived in Dixfield, across the river from Peru Ctr. He left wife in two or three years. Edward Kent, b. Peru, Dec. 23, 1840, m. in Boston, last known; Gustavus A., Jr., b. July 17, 1843, res. in Revere, Mass.; Greenville M., b. Oct. 8, 1845, d.; Charles E., b. Aug. 24, 1848, went West. Many of the sons were more prosperous and better men than the parent, for the reason they did not inherit his intemperate habits. Mr. York resided in a small cabin above mentioned in Dixfield the last years of his life. He left farm in Peru around 1850. His younger brother came also from Monmouth. Charles N. York, b. 1820, d. in Peru, Feb. 8, 1875, m. Nov. 20, 1842, Philema, dau. of Zadoc Fobes of Peru. Wife d. May 22, 1871. This family were located off the main road, north of the Davenport farm. Children:—Betsey M., b. Nov. 19, 1843, m. James M. Gammon; Chas. F., b. Dec. 28, 1844, d. Aug. 17, 1864; Judith B., b. Feb. 18, 1846, m. Pub., Dec. 19, 1862, Wm. Austin of Peru; Sarah

M., b. Jan. 21, 1848, m. Joshua R. Knox in Peru; James Pierce, b. Aug. 18, 1852, m. Feb. 15, 1877, Mary A., dau. of Daniel F. Haines; Lilla A., b. Nov. 23, 1853, d. young; Laforest Chandler, b. July 28, 1856, m. Lilla, dau. of Joseph Eaton; Mary Etta, b. June 23, 1857, m. Wm. Rideout, res., Waltham, Mass.; Emily A., b. May 27, 1862, res., Cal., u. m.; Phoebe Frances, b. Sept. 28, 1864, m. Walter Wilcox, res., Waltham. This is a likely family of children. Their mother came of a Christian family. The types of a Christian mother are in evidence to the third generation.

Family of James P. and Mary A. York. Wife d. Nov. 12, 1882, ae. 27 years. Children:—Maud L., m. Emerson Oldham. Their dau., Angie M., b. June 14, 1907; Alton L., m. May 16, 1904, Florence M. Whittemore. Children:—Ellery O.; Gertrude A., b. Oct. 5, 1907. James P. m. (2nd) Apr. 15, 1887, Annie S. Lovejoy, "widow." Her maiden name was Robinson, of Andover, Me. Wife left husband.

## Young

Henry Eben Young was a resident on Gowell hill in the forties. He m. May 14, 1841, Ann, dau. of Seth Roberts. Wife d. Aug. 25, 1852. Children:—Chas. H., b. Nov. 1, 1841. He studied for the medical profession. At close of war he was living at North Turner. Patience, b. Oct. 18, 1843, m. John Paine in Jay, wife d.; Abigail, b. Dec. 25, 1845, m. Stephen Fletcher; Sarah Jane, b. Aug. 20, 1847; Georgianna, b. Feb. 22, 1850, m. July 3, 1870, Joseph B. Torrey in Dixfield. Writer recollects Emery Young in the family who played the violin. He and Geo. Walker played together at the speaking school in the Waite Dist., where pupils fitted for the exhibition at Meeting House. This family moved out of town not long after death of wife.

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Death of former resident in Peru:—Comrade Thomas Farrar, d. in Canton, Aug. 30, 1911.

## Indians

Originally the Indians of Maine were divided into two distinct nations—the Etchekins, who occupied the lands from the Penobscot eastward; and the Abenagues, who held the territory between the Penobscot and the present New Hampshire line. The Abenagues nation was divided into four tribes, consisting of the Sokokis, who lived on the shores of the Saco river; the Wawenoes, whose grounds were east of Merrymeeting Bay; the Canibas, who

occupied both sides of the Kennebec river from Merrymeeting Bay to Moosehead Lake; and the Anasagunticooks, who claimed the banks of the Androscoggin and the section irrigated by the chain of lakes that unites the waters of the Androscoggin with those of the Kennebec. These tribes were sub-divided into clans, after an Indian custom of giving the tribal name to the place occupied as a camping ground, or on the contrary of assuming the words used to signify some peculiarity of a location as the name of the tribe. Thus the Indians living near the falls of Teconnet, Waterville, were called Teconnets. The Anasagunticooks were originally a powerful and warlike people. They once bore the reputation of being the strongest and most ferocious of all tribes in New England.

The first of their sagamores, whose name history has preserved, was Chogoando, whose signature, resembling a cross between a Chinese character and an Egyptian hieroglyphic struck by lightning, appears on an Indian deed bearing the date of 1653, and conveying to Thomas Lake of Boston and Mr. Spencer of Charlestown, the historic lands east and west of the Kennebec. Another deed is on record, given by Worumbo, another sachem of the Anasagunticooks, to Richard Wharten, July 7, 1684, attesting his title to the lands formerly held by Thomas Purchase of Brunswick. Philip Will, a young Indian who was b. at Cape Cod, was taken captive by the French at the siege of Louisburg, when he was fourteen years of age, and living among this tribe of savages many years, finally became their chief. He measured six feet and three inches in height and was finely proportioned. The Anasagunticooks were many times saved from total extinction by his efforts. The principal encampment of this tribe was at Brunswick Falls (by them called Pejepscot) until the English immigrants forced them farther up the river. Jay Point or Canton Point became their rendezvous after leaving Pejepscot. The Indian name of this place was Rocomoco. It is well known there was a settlement of Indian wigwams at Canton Point. It has come down to us through Molly Ockett, dau. of Indian chief, that she had seen here five hundred Indians at one time. Here they gathered from all points along the banks of the Androscoggin and its tributaries to hold their grand councils, and here they met other tribes to plan expeditions of warfare.

This point possessed great advantages. It was too far back in the unexplored wilderness to be easily taken by the white settlers adjacent to the seacoast. It not only commanded a vast territory

east, north to the lakes, and west, but held the key to three distinct routes to the ocean. The first of these was down the Androscoggin in the direct course to the confluence of the Kennebec; thence through Merrymeeting Bay to the ocean. The second route, down the Androscoggin a few miles to Dead river, and up said river to Androscoggin pond, in the town of Leeds; thence by short portage in town of Wayne into Wilson pond; thence by portage to Cochnewagan pond, Monmouth Cent.; thence by the tributary and portage into Sabattus pond, and down the Sabattus river into the lower Androscoggin.

The third route was, like the second, as far as Wilson pond, at North Monmouth; thence down the Wilson stream into the south, or Annabessacook pond; thence into the C'obbosseecontee pond, and down the outlet into the Kennebec river; thence to Merrymeeting Bay. It is worthy of note, by the last route the waters of Androscoggin pond and Dead river in Leeds can be diverted from the Androscoggin river to the Kennebec by excavation of earth a distance of about one mile between Androscoggin pond and Wilson pond. Dead river, it is said, is so nearly level that it flows both ways, serving both an outlet and an inlet to Androscoggin pond at different periods. There is nearly a continuous waterway between the two great rivers, a peculiar freak of nature. All of these ponds except Wilson took their names from the Anasagunticooks. Wilson was named after a white man. Sabattus was the name of an Indian chief who in 1775 acted as guide to Benedict Arnold when he ascended the Kennebec river on his expedition to Quebec. At his death he was buried on a mountain in Wales that bears his name. He belonged to the Anasagunticook tribe.

At one time the Anasagunticooks numbering seven hundred assembled at Rocomoco (Canton Point) with the intention of attacking and burning Gostown, the name given by the first settlers to Brunswick. They glided down the Androscoggin in their canoes at dead of night. Before reaching the dangerous rapids of Ameriscoggin (Lewiston Falls) the chief detached a brave from the fleet, with the injunction to paddle with all haste to the highlands above the falls, and there build a signal fire; seeing which, the fleet would land, make a portage around the falls, and re-embark in the smooth river below. It so happened that Daniel Malcolm of Gostown, a noted Indian hunter, by them known as Surgurnumby, i. e., "a very strong man," arrived on the scene just as the Indian was fanning into a flame the faint spark that he had produced with

flint and steel. Malcolm's keen perception read in this act the whole scheme. Creeping up softly, he dispatched the plotting brave, and, hastily extinguishing the flames, ran to a high point of land below the falls, and there raised a broad gleaming beacon. The unsuspecting savages paddled down the river in apparent security. They saw the light, and supposing it to be the one their confederate had built, paddled into the very jaws of the rapids. Nearly every brave in the fleet was either mangled on the rocks or drowned in the current. This exploit not only saved the people of Gostown from a worse fate than that shared by the savages, but completely shattered the strength of the Anasagunticooks. It was their last expedition of warfare. I note the Lewiston Journal of Apr. 15, 1905, giving the history of the early settlers of Canton, designates the Indians at Canton Point, "Rockomekos." This tribal name doubtless was given them by white men many years after they became extinct, and it originated from the Indian name, Rocomoco, as given by them to the place they then occupied, or in other words, this name, or Rockomeka, as now spelled, was their Indian name of the town or locality occupied by the Anasagunticooks, one of the tribes of the Abenagues in the province of Maine. The main line of land travel from the village of wigwams extending north was confined to the east bank of Androscoggin. Their village was located on this side of the river.

The old Indian trail extending up the river through Dixfield, Mexico, Rumford, and on to the lakes, is worthy of mention. It curved around spotted trees that served as beacon lights in the dense forest and was the sole line of travel for the first settlers in Peru and the other towns named nearly a score of years and before carriages were in use. The early pioneers came and went either on foot or on back of horse by this route. It is in evidence this continued in 1809, when Oliver Hopkins and wife came from Monmouth to Peru.

Expedition of 1645 against Narroheganset Indians and their confederates. The name of the tribe was abbreviated to Narragansett. They had from four to five thousand fighting men occupying the most of Rhode Island, and to the west as far as Narragansett Bay, including the islands. Their sachems, Canonicus and Antinomo, were friends to the English through Roger Williams, but Indians were Indians, and there were constant rumors of an uprising that were many times true. There were forty men from Plymouth colony. Duxbury's quota was six. Their names were

Samuel Nash, Wm. Brewster, Wm. Clark, John Washburn, Nath'l Chandler and Edward Hall (the father of the race of Dixfield and Peru Halls). The length of service was seventeen days. The cost of the expedition to the colony was 70 pounds, 8 shillings, 6 pence; of this, Duxbury paid 8 pounds, 11 shillings. Capt. Miles Standish was in command of the Plymouth contingent and occupied the river bank opposite Providence ten days before the Mass. (colony) troops were a field. As the Providence people under guise of neutrality were openly furnishing supplies not a mile from this encampment, he compelled them to take sides and suspend their hostile traffic. Fortunately war was averted by the prompt show of the English forces. Extracts from history.

### Church Service in Duxbury

The first church was gathered about 1632. A handful of people who spent their summers in Duxbury had services in a very small building which stood about seventy years. The first five years they had no settled pastor, Elder Brewster officiating. Rev. Ralph Partridge was settled in 1637. He d. in 1658. Rev. John Holmes was the second, and Ichabod Wiswell came in 1676. The Rev. Josiah Moore, one time pastor of the church, says in "Soul's Sprague Memorial": "I am informed that the church records were burned, together with those of the town, at a fire which occurred at Pembroke, where they were deposited. This was a part of Duxbury originally." Gov. Bradford says, 1632, the people of Plymouth begin to grow in their outward estates by the flowing of many into the country, especially into the Mass. colony, by which means cattle and corn rise to a great price. Goods grow plentiful and many are enriched, and now the stock increasing and the increase vendible, there is no longer holding them together. They must go to their great lots. They cannot otherwise keep their cattle, and, having oxen grown, they must have more land for tillage. By this means they scatter around the bay quickly and the town where they lived compactly is soon left very thin, and in a short time almost desolate. The church also came to be divided, and those who have lived so long together in Christian and comfortable fellowship must now part. Alden, Standish, Brewster, Prince, Collin, Delano, who had moved to Duxbury, promised to return winters. There is much pathos in this parting when we think of all they had suffered together. Eventually not many of

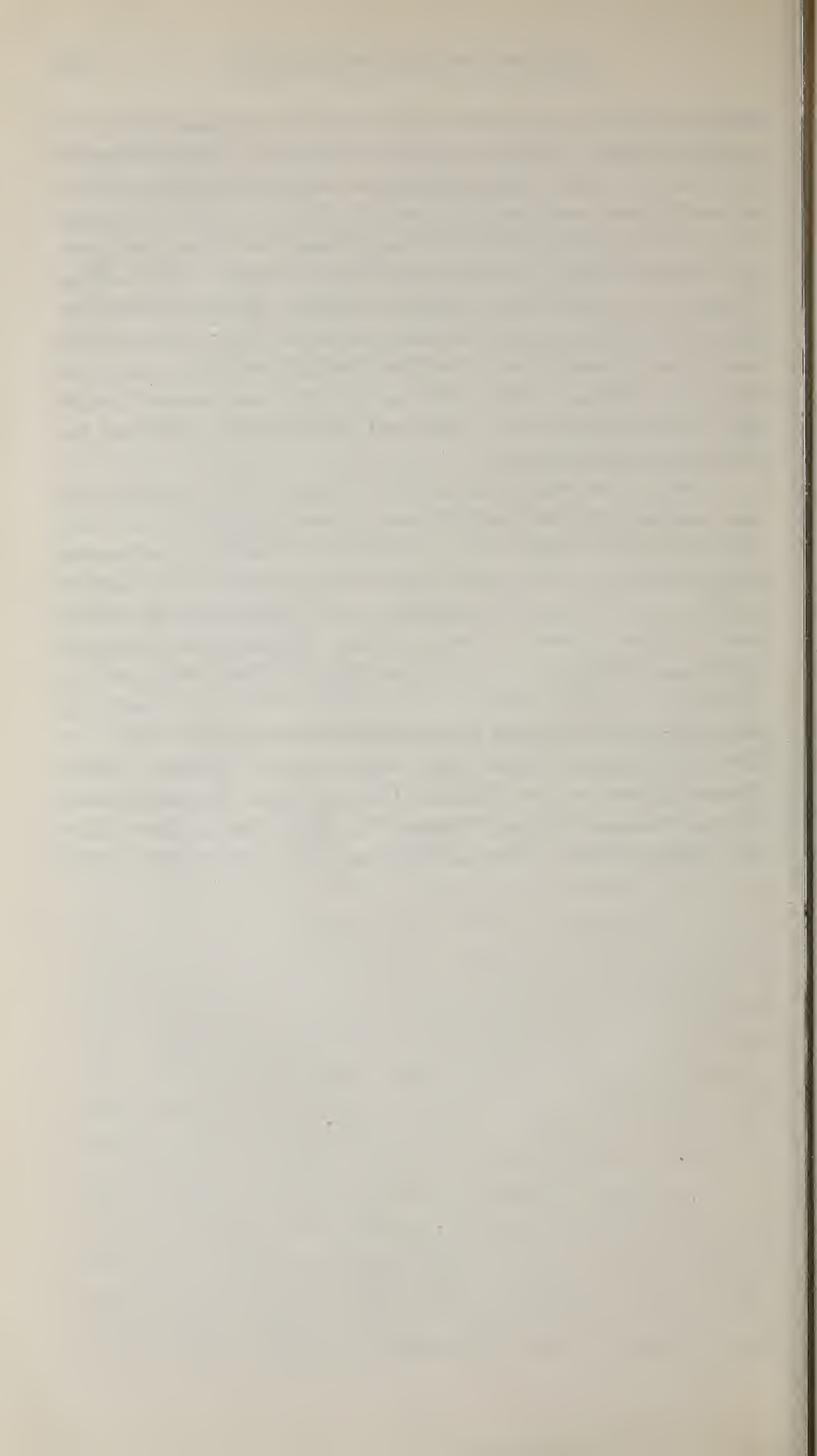
the "first comers" remained in Plymouth, and but few of their descendants are there now. Duxbury had the largest number of any one place, and there are today many descendants of those "first comers" living in town. Go back about three generations and everybody most is related to each other and to several of the Pilgrims. The grant of the town was made by Wm. Bradford, Esq., and his associates, to Miles Standish and others. In 1643, 80 persons were able to bear arms, and population about 400. Quite a number of gristmills, sawmills, etc., were operated at different times. Four school districts in 1735. Nov. 25, 1668, was a day of thanksgiving throughout the colony. In 1641 there were eight churches in Plymouth colony, eight churches in Conn., and 24 in Mass. colony. There had been 84 deaths in Duxbury, 1688. Duxbury incorporated June 17, 1637. In 1690 the ratable estate amounted to about \$7500. In 1793 there were living in Duxbury sixty-three persons over 80 years of age, two of them nearly 90 years, and six past that age. Dec. 3, 1724, a whale was captured off the beach.

Bradford's list of Mayflower passengers. The list according to families:

John Carver, his wife, Katherine; Desire Minter; John Howland; Roger Wilder; Wm. Latham; Jasper More; William Bradford and wife, Dorothy May (their son, John, came afterwards); Edward Winslow, his wife, Elizabeth Barker; George Soul; Elias Story; Ellen More; William Brewster, his wife, Mary, their sons, Love and Wrestling; Richard More and his brother; Isaac Aler-ton, his wife, Mary Norris, their children, Bartholomew, Remember and Mary; John Hooke; John Crackston and son, John; Capt. Miles Standish and his wife, Rose; Samuel Fuller (his wife and child came 1623); Christopher Martin, his wife; Solomon Prower; John Langemore (employees); Wm. Mullins and wife, their children, Joseph and Priscilla; Robert Carter; Stephen Hopkins, his wife, Elizabeth, their children, Giles, Constance (by a former wife), Damaris and Oceanus; Edward Dotey (or Doten) and Edward Lister (employees); William White, his wife, Susanna, and son, Resolved; William Holbeck; Edward Thompson (employees), d. before end of March, 1621; Richard Warren (his wife and five daughters came in 1623, two sons probably in 1621); Francis Cook and son, John (wife came in 1622); John Billington and wife, Eleanor, and son, John Francis; Edward Tilley and his wife, Ann, their cousins, Henry Sampson and Humility Cooper; John Tilley, wife,

Bridget Van du Velde, their Elizabeth; Thomas Rogers and son, Joseph; Thomas Tinker, his wife and their son; John Ridgedale and his wife, Alice; James Chilton, his wife and their dau., Mary; Edward Fuller, his wife and their son, Samuel; John Turner and his two sons; Francis Eaton, his wife, Sarah, and infant son, Samuel; Dagony Priest (his wife and children came in 1622); Moses Fletcher; John Goodman; Thomas Williams; Edmund Margeson; Richard Britteridge; John Allerton; Richard Clark; Thomas English; Peter Brown; Gilbert Winslow; Richard Gardner; John Alden (cooper); William Trever, and ——— Ely (hired seaman), d. before end of March, 1621. Just half their number, fifty-one, survived the first sickness.

A list of the passengers of *The Fortune*. Nov. 20, 1621, just one year from the day the *Mayflower* sighted the hills of Cape Cod, *The Fortune* was sighted by the sentry at Fort Hill, greatly to the surprise and joy of the little band with thirty-three new colonists, to wit: John Adams, Wm. Bassett and Elizabeth, Edward Bumpass, Jonathan Brewster, Clement Briggs, Thomas Cushman, Stephen Deane, Philipdela Noye, widow Martha Ford, with children, William, John and Martha, Robert Hicks, William Palmer, William Palmer, Jr., Thomas Prences, Moses Simonson, John Winslow, William Wright, William Beal, John Cannon, William Cannon, Thomas Flavel and son, William Hilton, Bennet Morgan, Thomas Morton, Austin Nicholas, William Pitt, Hugh Statie, James Stewart, William Tench. The last thirteen d. or removed before 1827.



## Captain John Paul Jones

John Paul Jones, b. at Arbigland, in Scotland, 1747, the son of a gardener named John Paul. He became a sailor and was for a short time engaged in the slave trade. He afterwards settled in Va., assuming the name of Jones. He ardently embraced the cause of the American colonies. When the congress in 1775 resolved to fit out a naval force, he offered his services; and visiting the British coast in a brig of 18 guns, performed some remarkably bold exploits and took advantage of his familiarity with the scenes of his boyhood to make a hostile visit to the shores of the Solway Firth. In 1779 he was appointed to the command of a small squadron of French ships displaying the American flag, with which he again visited the British coasts, causing great alarm and taking some prizes. The King of France made him a chevalier of the order of Military Merit. In 1787 he accepted an appointment in the Russian service and the command of a fleet at the mouth of the Dneiper, in which he took an active part in the Turkish war, but soon left the service. He d. at Paris, 1792. It is well known that about a century later his remains were brought to the U. S. as a token of the high esteem of the American people for his achievements and valor in our behalf.

## America's Most Famous Flag

Of all the thousands of flags which have waved over the heads of Americans, one of them stands supreme in its unequalled fame. This one is the flag of Capt. John Paul Jones, the "Founder of the American Navy." It was the naval hero's proud boast that he and the flag were twins, having been born together. "As long as we float, we shall float together," was the pledge which he kept to the end. It was fitting that the first flag to float over an American vessel was hoisted on the *Ranger* by Jones himself, July 4, 1777. The flag was made by a quilting party of young ladies at Portsmouth, N. H., where the *Ranger* was launched. The thirteen white stars were cut from a white silk dress in which Helen Seavey had been married to a young officer the May before. The

blue field and the red and white stripes were also of silk and were furnished and made up by Mary Langdon, Caroline Chandler, Helen Seavey, Augusta Pierce and Dorothy Hall, the last a niece of Elijah Hall, second lieutenant of the Ranger. It was the first example of the new symbol of liberty to be seen in European waters, and the first to be saluted by European powers in those waters, by the French at Quiberon bay, Dec. 14, 1777.

This was only the beginning of its fame. Jones took the flag with him when he gave up the Ranger and spread it to the salt breeze when he stepped on the quarter deck of the old *Bon Homme Richard*. But before that he had fought the Drake, and this was the first naval victory gained by the stars and stripes. This flag was the first ever hoisted over a foreign enemy after an American victory on the seas. Fierce as the fighting was that day off the Irish coast, and though it was the first time a British ship of war ever struck its colors to an inferior force, the flag came through the battle without a scar. This was also true of the fighting with the *Serapis*, September 13, 1779, the bloodiest battle ever won at sea.

When Capt. Pearson struck at last, his sailors were cowed by the indomitable valor of Jones and his men. The *Serapis* was uninjured, while the *Bon Homme Richard* was a total wreck. This engagement is the only one in the history of the sea in which the victor sank and the vanquished floated. Transferring his wounded to the English ship, Capt. Jones had no more than time to save the living. His sixty gallant dead went down with the ship. As a final tribute to the valor of the brave Americans, this most famous flag went down with them.

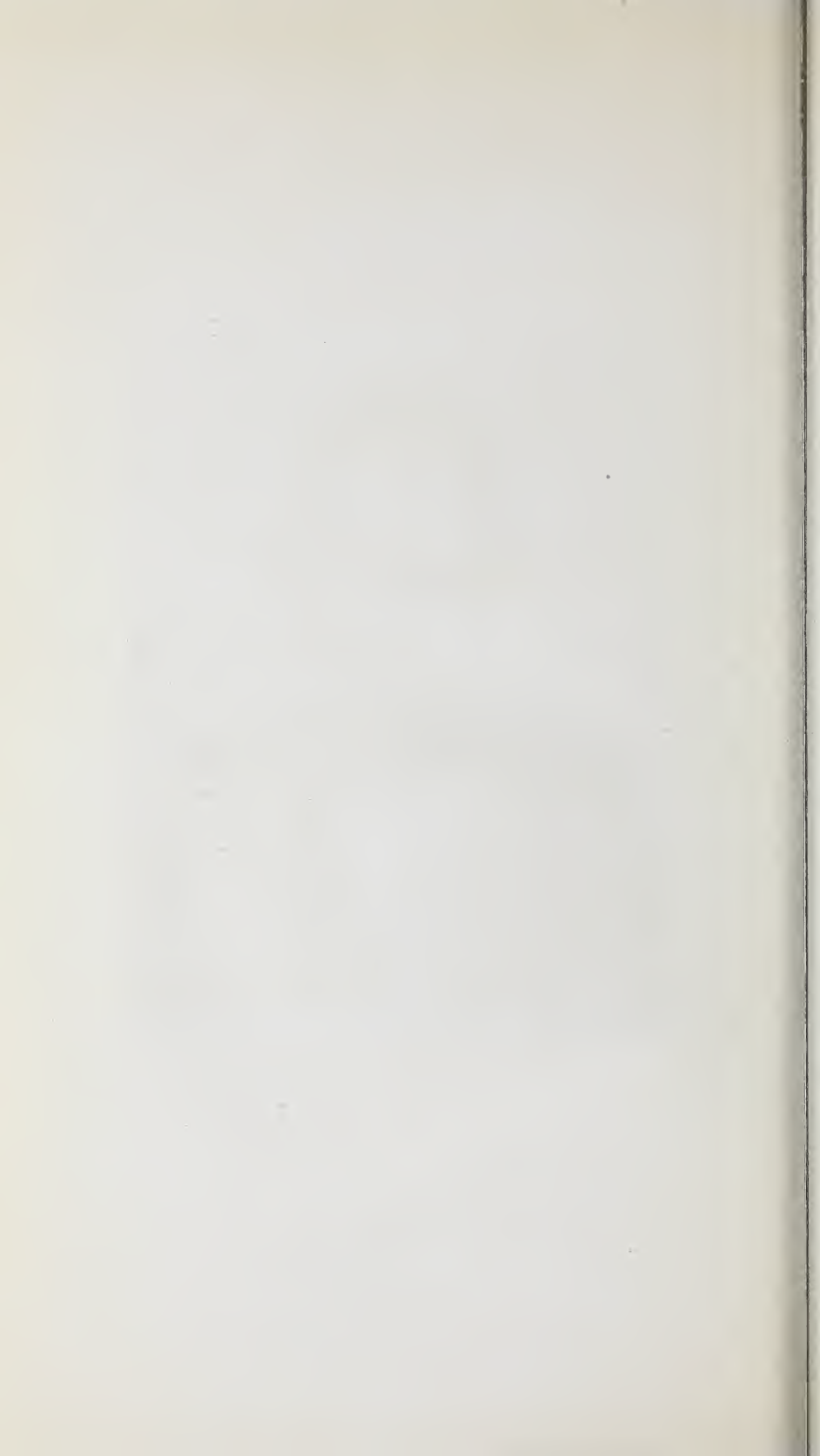
### Common Ancestor

The Pettengills of East Livermore, of whom Waldo Pettengill, Esq., of Rumford, is a lineal descendant; the Bisbees of Sumner, the offspring of Elisha Bisbee, senior, of whom Geo. Washington Bisbee of Peru, the father of Lieut. Geo. D. Bisbee, was a grandson; and the Turner family, that branch who are the offspring of Robinson Turner, senior, of Peru, all have one ancestral mother in Sarah Gannett of Duxbury, Mass. It is worthy of note that she was the progenitor of three races of people, and that some representative of each race lived and died in Peru.

Sarah Gannett m. about 1755, Daniel Pettengill in Duxbury. Their children:—Mathew, b. June 1, 1756; Daniel, Jr., and Molly.

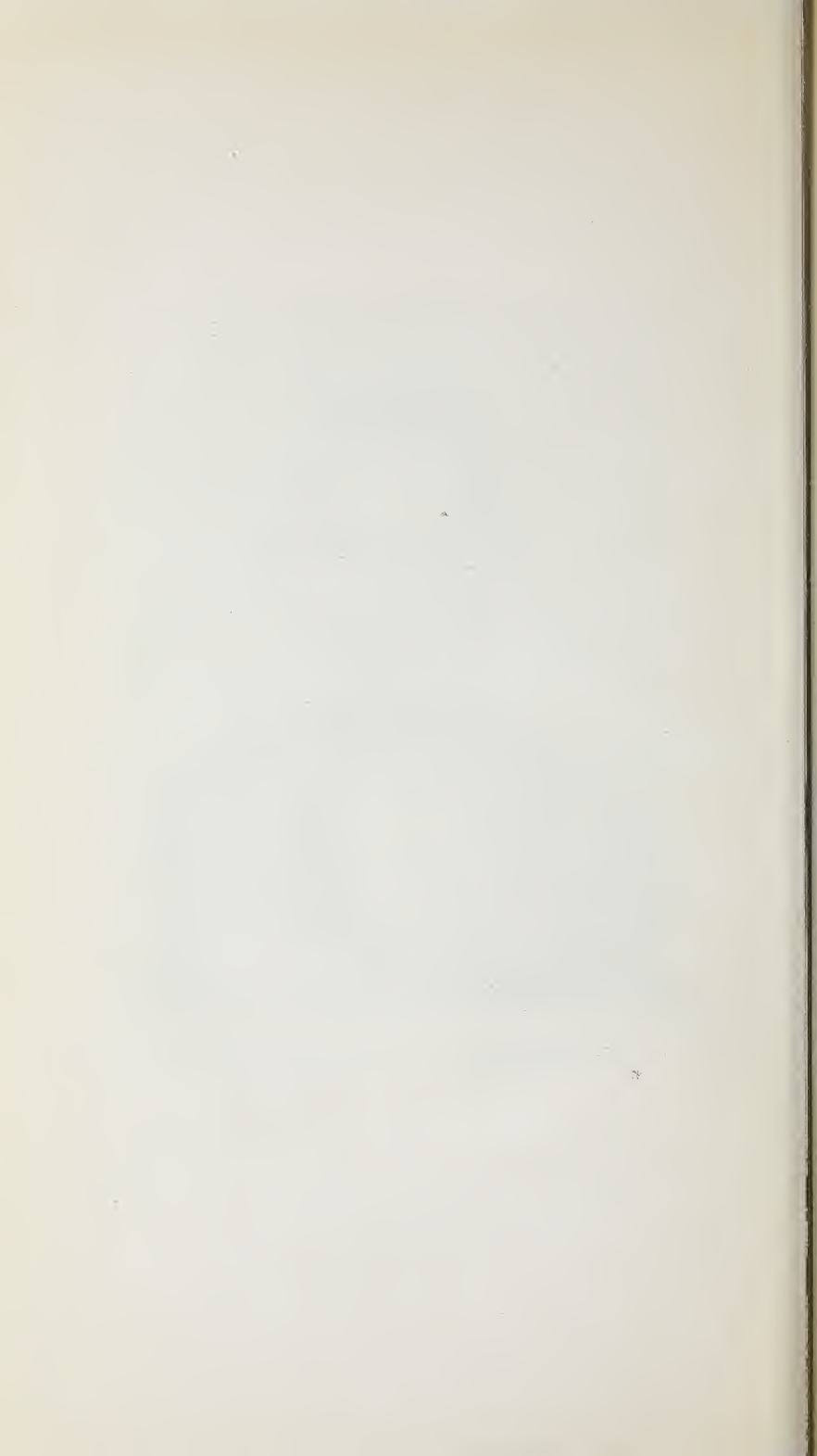


Mrs. Mary Bisbee, 1818-1885, wife of George W. Bisbee.





George W. Bisbee was born in Buckfield, July 6th, 1812. He died in Peru, January 27th, 1872.



The parent Daniel was killed by overturn of load of mast timber in 1763. His widow remarried, May 10, 1766, Amos Ford, in Duxbury, and had by him daughter Lillis, who m. Robinson Turner, senior. Daughter Molly Pettengill, b. Jan. 9, 1760, m. at Duxbury, 1779, Elisha Bisbee, senior, b. Mar. 4, 1757, a Lieut. in war of Revolution. They had twenty children. He d. at Sumner, Dec. 1, 1836. Wife d. Aug. 20, 1811. Mathew Pettengill m. around 1785, Bethia Ford, and had nine children. The first was Elisha, b. May 28, 1786. The seventh was Polly, who m. Perkins Turner in Peru. Elisha Pettengill m. Mehitable Hubbard, and had ten children. The first was Oliver, b. Oct. 15, 1814, m. Oct. 19, 1843, Huldah Baker, had son, Waldo, above mentioned, b. Dec. 1, 1844, and two daughters.

Elisha Bisbee, Jr., a worthy member of the Baptist church, m. and settled in Buckfield, where were b. July 6, 1812, twin sons, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson Bisbee. Family removed to Sumner in 1815, where several other children were b. and reared. He had also a good family of children by a second wife, of whom in part were Sabre W. Bisbee, who m. Orville Robinson; Jane Y. Bisbee, who m. Oct. 1, 1855, James McDonald, a leader of band in the 11th Me. Regt. He d. in Nevada, 1880. His widow d. at Rumford, in the family of her adopted daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr. Elisha Bisbee, Jr., d. Dec. 18, 1874, on home farm. George Washington Bisbee, m. Mary Howe of Rumford, b. Jan. 27, 1813, and d. in Buckfield, June 25, 1885. He settled in Hartford and learned the blacksmith's trade. Their only child, Geo. D. Bisbee, was b. there in 1841. Both parents were members of the Baptist church. Family removed to Peru in 1857, having purchased the old Benj. Fobes farm with new buildings erected by John Lara, and subsequently sold to Edward Barbar. Mr. Bisbee was a prosperous farmer here a term of years. With other farm products he had several acres of hops in fine culture. Health failing, he sold farm, and d. in Peru, Jan. 27, 1872.

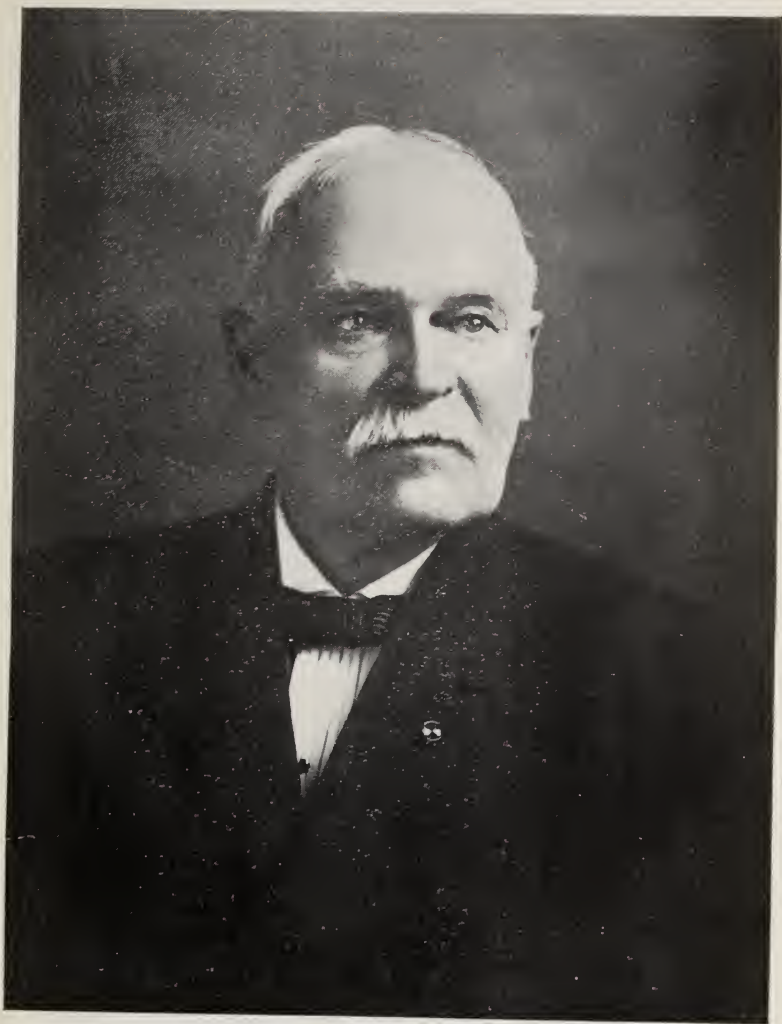
In the fall of 1859, two of the prominent pupils who attended a tuition term of school in district No. 2 in Peru, taught by writer, were Roscoe Smith and Geo. D. Bisbee. Their leading studies were arithmetic and English grammar. They made thorough progress in their studies and laid the foundation for their professional careers, and continued their studies under Preceptor Henry B. Walton at West Peru in fall of 1860. Now came our

country's call to war. Geo. D. Bisbee, ae. 21, Peru, Must. 1st Sergt., Aug. 14, 1862, Co. C, 16th Regt., Me. Vols.; promoted 2nd Lieut., wounded Dec. 10, 1862, discharged by reason of wounds Apr. 25, 1863. Notwithstanding a running sore and discharge of fragments of bone from wounds in arm, he rushed to the front and participated in the surrender at Appomattox Court House, Apr. 9, 1865. He next resumed the study of law and was admitted to Oxford Bar. He is quite eminent as a business lawyer in heavy cases in different parts of the state. He is a member of the Baptist church, has always stood for temperance, is president of the Rumford Falls Trust Co., has been director and attorney for the P. & R. F. Ry. and is now one of the attorneys for the M. C. Ry. He has proved a noble son of a long line of nobility an honor to his race.

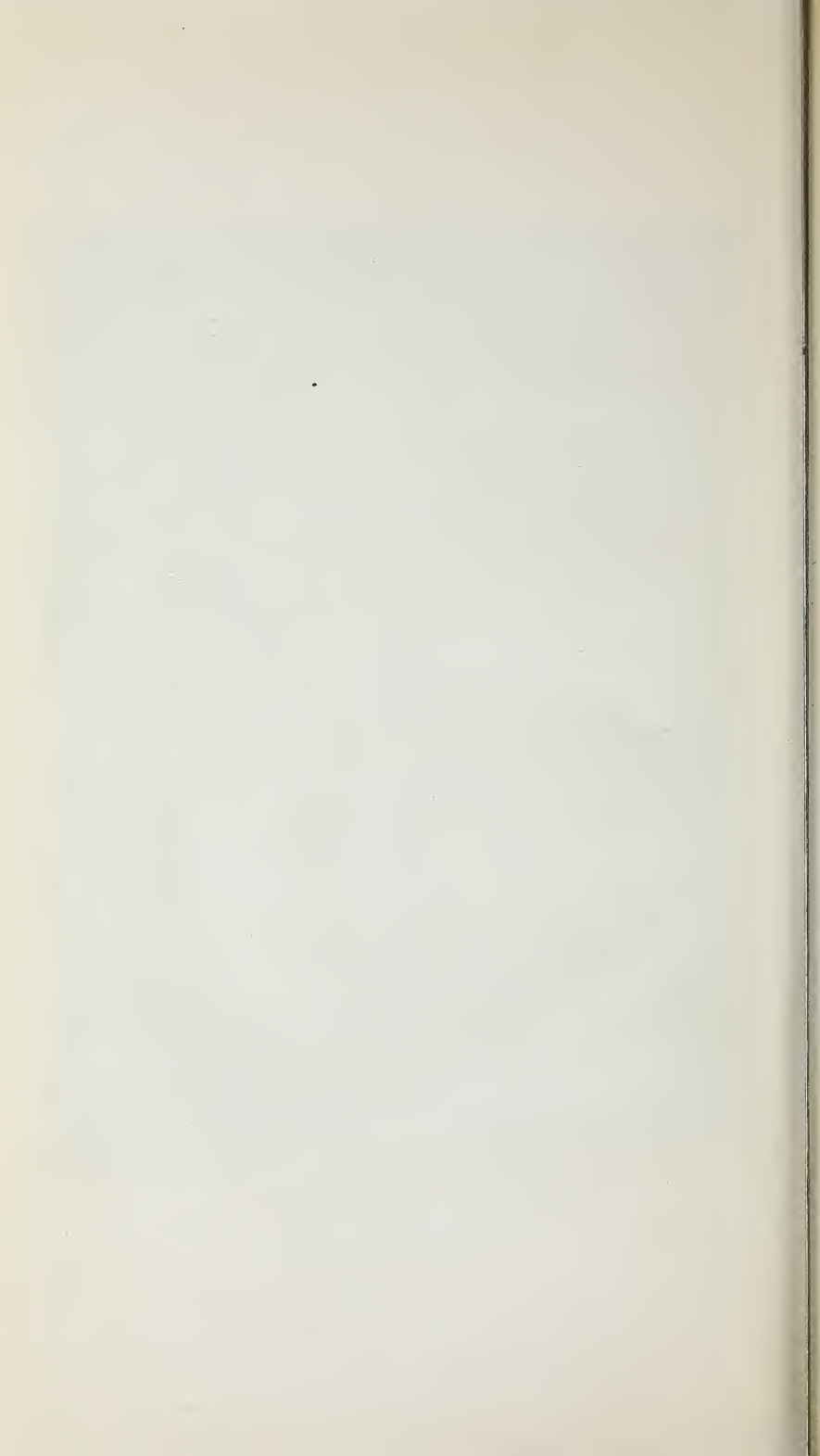
## OBITUARIES

### Marcellus S. Atkins

Marcellus S. Atkins, mentioned on pages 49 and 50, closed this life around Nov. 1, 1911, at West Peru. In war of 1861-5 he was Must. Pvt., ae. 19, Dec. 23, 1863, from Peru, Co. I, First Regt. H. A., and subsequently promoted Corp. He was Must. out with command Sept. 11, 1865. Pending his twenty months and twenty-one days' service he gained record of the following disabilities, to wit: Measles, lung fever, lumbago, and sciatica rheumatism, chills and fever. He was treated in four different hospitals. Records made it easy to substantiate a pension claim. It was just here the personality of this man was revealed to a marked degree. The filing of pension claims in town began in 1886. In June of that year writer had filed eight, for soldiers in town. He sought Mr. Atkins, who promptly replied, "No pension for me so long as I can work." It was a year before he yielded. During thirty years' practice as pension attorney, writer has found only one other similar case, and that was in town of Monmouth.



1841. LIEUT. GEO. D. BISBEE.  
Attorney, and President of Maine Baptist Missionary Convention, 1911.



**Daniel W. Walker, Peru**

Peru, Me., Jan. 2, 1912 (Special).—On Sunday occurred the death of Dan W. Walker, a life-long resident of Peru. For the past 15 years he had served the people and the M. C. R. R. faithfully and well as station agent, being constantly at his post of duty till two weeks ago, when he was taken suddenly ill, and since that time has been a great sufferer. He leaves a mother, whose home was with him, a widow, two sons and four daughters.

## Errata

Page 17—Sixth line—Valentine should read Volentine.

Page 22—Fourteenth line—Same correction; this man spelled his name Volentine.

Page 31—Twenty-first line—Number of Mayflower passengers should be fifty-one.

Page 40—Tenth line—Omit “at.”

Page 42—Seventeenth line—Rothrus should read Rotheus.

Page 56—Twenty-second line—Make date of Ira M. Andrews' death 1895 instead of 895.

Page 80—Thirty-third line—Pond. R. T. Ry. should read P. and R. T. Ry.

Page 82—Thirty-seventh line—Refore should read reform.

Page 97—Twenty-first line—Selme should read Salome.

Page 117—Twenty-ninth line—Zodac should read Zadoc.

Page 124—Welds should read Wells.

Page 124—Weld should read Wells.

Page 131—Thirty-eighth line—Insert “who” after Cross.

Page 143—Seventh line—Hamilton should read Hodsdon.

Page 187—Fifth line from bottom—Knigh should read Knight.

Page 197—Thirteenth line—Lary should read Leary.

Page 201—Fourth line from bottom—Omit “wife of” and “school.” Sarah R. should read Sarah R. Hall.

Page 226—Seventh line—Omit “except.”

